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GERMAN VIOLINISTS HONORED

Mathias Freund (left) stands in the Purdue Hillel Succoh next to Professor Carl Fuerstner, Chief Opera Coach at I.U. School of Music, and Burkhard Godhoff, at a reception honoring violinists Freund and Godhoff after their benefit performance for Israel recently.

Center Offers Bus Trip Oct. 26 To I.U. Opera

A bus trip to Bloomington on Saturday, Oct. 26, to attend the Indiana University's Opera Theatre's presentation of Mozart's "Abduction From The Seraglio," is being offered by the Jewish Community Center. The bus will leave the Cen-

ter's parking lot at 6 p.m. Open to the public, the cost for the round trip bus and opera ticket is \$9. Payment must accompany reservations — space is limited. Call Mrs. Bennett, 251-9467 for further information.

ADL Address To Be On Topic Of Oil And The Inflation Crisis

Jerome Bakst, Director of Research and Evaluation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, will deliver the major address at the Indiana ADL Regional Advisory Board meeting at the Indiana Interchurch Center, at 7:30 p.m., 1100 West 42nd St. on Saturday, Oct. 19. The dinner meeting is open to the Jewish community and reservations may be made by calling the ADL office at 926-1251.

Bakst will deal with the financial inflationary crisis

triggered in large part by the Arab oil embargo and the subsequent increases in petroleum prices when the embargo was listed.

Before joining ADL, Mr. Bakst was for five years a news writer and editor for the U.S. Government's "Voice of America" radio broadcasting operation. During 1971 and 1973, he played a major role in research operations for the ADL book, "The New Anti-Semitism" published recently by McGraw Hill.

Robert Gordon

Anti-Semitism Has Changed, But Is Still Virulent As Ever

By TERYL DASKAL

"Anti-Semitism is as virulent in 1974 as it was in 1934," says Robert Gordon, Indiana

Regional director of the Anti-Defamation League. "It may be stashed away now, but the question is where and for what

purpose it will be released."

As a veteran of almost 25 years in the field, Gordon is something of a walking source-book.

The changes in anti-Semitism are not quantitative, he explained, but rather qualitative. Today's kind is less easily recognized. Overt organizations such as Liberty Lobby are the exception now rather than the rule, but Gordon emphasizes there is still potential for danger.

IT IS WORTH considering the difference twenty years has made, both with a view toward progress and self-awareness.

In the "fabulous" fifties, Gordon perceived four significant forms of discrimination against Jews in Indiana. The major industries excluded or under-utilized Jews in employment and in sections of cities Jews were not sold homes.

Colleges had quotas for Jews and Jews were methodically excluded from organizations such as the Rotary Club, Shriners, country clubs, and Junior League. According to Gordon, the Junior League admitted its first Jew only within the last two or three years.

"Such organizations are indicative of status," said Gordon. "And the point is, if someone should decide to join, the option should be open. Citizenship should mean the same thing to every citizen."

In the fifties there were also, of course, the groups and individuals who believed Jews were naturally inferior, or were part of a Communist plot. Indiana had its share of these.

They were often individuals like the woman in Terre Haute who lived alone with her cats and sent out a mimeographed anti-Semitic newsletter.

Each case requires particular action — that woman herself might not be important, but where she gets her material might be.

BUT SINCE 1955 anti-Semitism has changed and now Gordon says there is no major trouble in housing, education (except perhaps a misapplication of the word "Jew")

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Our bouquet this week goes to Mrs. Jack A. Goodman (Sarah) for her lifelong dedication to this community and to the Jewish people worldwide. Sarah was recently honored at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation annual Ways and Means Luncheon.

The theme of the afternoon's program was "From Era To Era" and very cleverly coincided with the life of Sarah Goodman who from era to era has demonstrated her leadership in the affairs of the community. Sarah, who celebrated her 88th birthday this year, still remains a vibrant voice in community affairs.

SHE was born in Vienna, Austria and came to America as a young girl. She was reared in St. Louis and was one of the founders of the St. Louis Municipal Opera. She came to Indianapolis in 1924, when she married Jack A. Goodman, founder of the Real Silk Hosiery Mills.

In the thirties, she was one of the founders of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and her love of music has kept her active in symphony affairs most of her life. She is currently on the honorary Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and serves as Secretary of the Board of the I.S.O. She is also a patroness of Sigma Alpha IOTA, a national honorary music fraternity.

SARAH serves on the Board



SARAH GOODMAN

of Trustees of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and is an honorary vice-president of Hadassah and formerly served as its National Vice President for many years.

She was the first woman to be elected president of a major Jewish Welfare Federation in a large community, serving as president of the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation. Sarah was recipient of the B'nai B'rith Feibleman Award for outstanding community leadership in 1957 and voted the most outstanding person of the year in 1966 for her furthering of Jewish-Christian relations by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

FOUR YEARS national chairman of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal, her eighteen trips to Israel have included many UJA missions. She is a fellow of Brandeis University and among her awards too numerous to mention is her designation as Indiana Jewish Post Woman of the Year in the late fifties.

People are Sarah's hobbies, according to her niece, Mrs. Dan Wolf. She identifies with youth and was a women's libber before the movement came into existence. Her home has always been the center of important activities including entertaining Golda Meir and other foreign dignitaries.

It is with our warmest wishes that we send this week's bouquet to Mrs. Jack A. Goodman.

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Due to the holiday Monday, Oct. 28, all copy for the Nov. 1 issue will be due Friday, Oct. 25. No copy will be accepted after Friday.

Deadlines are usually noon of the Monday preceding the issue. Photos are due the Friday before an issue. All copy must be typed and double spaced.

Reservations Due Oct. 20 For Frances Bunes Dinner

Plans are being completed for the testimonial dinner honoring Mrs. Jack (Frances) Bunes on Sunday, Oct. 27 at B'nai Torah. The evening activities will start at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Singers and dancers from the Footlite Musicals will perform "Small House of Uncle Thomas" from the "King and I" under the direction of the choreographer Wynette Schisla.

Following the performances, a

catered dinner will be served. Decorations will be by Mrs. Bernard Dickens. David Fogle is master of ceremonies and Mrs. Nandor Fruchter will give a special presentation honoring Frances.

For reservations, send check by Oct. 20 to overall chairman of this event, Mrs. David (Libby) Fogle at 1315 Oakwood Trails. Price is \$9.00 per person. This event is open to the community.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Basham, 7934 Souter Dr., announce the birth of their second child, a son, Edward Paul, born on Sept. 19. They are also the parents of a daughter, Dawn Marie, who is 18 months old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Heinz Hammerschmidt of Indianapolis. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Elson of Kokomo.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maiden-berg, 509 Holliday Ln., announce the birth of their second child, a son Jason Michael, born on Sept. 19. They are also the

parents of a daughter, who is two years old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bayer of Akron, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Maidenberg of Syracuse, Ind.

Cantor and Mrs. Edwin Epstein, 814 Rainbow Lane, announce the birth of their fourth child, a daughter, Chaya Rachel born Oct. 3rd. They are also the parents of Abraham, 6, Sara, 5 and Rivka, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Henry Yaffe of Berkeley, Calif.

Newcomers

Ruthen Family From New York

Mr. and Mrs. Julius H. Ruthen have recently arrived in Indianapolis from East Flatbush, N.Y. Also arriving in Indianapolis with Bessie and Julius Ruthen are Bessie's sisters, Laura Levine and Esther Kaplan, also of New York. The Ruthens are currently residing at the Senior Citizens Complex at 2432 Southwick Court, No. 14. Laura Levine and Esther Kaplan are residing in the same complex, 2432 Southwick Court, No. 18.

Julius Ruthen is a retired troubleshooter for the New York Cleaners Corporation. The Ruthens have a daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren who moved to Indianapolis two years ago. They are Sandra and Richard Trepper and children Charles and Michael Trepper. The Ruthens also have a son Steve who lives in New York.

Julius enjoys all types of spectator sports.

Anti-Semitism Has Changed,

(Continued from Preceding Pg.) tion of affirmative action) or in employment (where many firms now seek out Jews).

Of course there are still problems for Jews today, such as the right-wing Liberty Lobby, or Indiana State University, where it happens no Jew has ever received tenure in the history department.

Yet most incidents today might better be called "insensitivity" on the part of the public.

An example is the conflict between religious holidays and the secular calendar. The state examination for real estate licenses was scheduled during Rosh Hashonah this year and IU-PUI held an important student meeting on Yom Kippur.

THIS IS not necessarily anti-Semitism, but it is insensitivity or ignorance on the part of others. The ADL can remedy or prevent such occurrences through education — sometimes as simply as sending out calendars with the holidays marked.

"We must equip others to understand the particular sensitivity of Jews to their separate identity," said Gordon. There is, he admits, the danger of Jews seeing anti-Semitism where it isn't. Someone who criticizes Israel is not automatically anti-Semitic.

"We must be more meticulous in the use of the term," Gordon said. "The credibility of the ADL lies in its saying anti-Semitism when it is anti-Semitism."

THE METHODS of the ADL vary, but consist most often of education. Dealing with housing discrimination often required only a talk with the developer and a simple lesson in economics. The Rotary Club required continued meetings with the leadership urging changes.

Demonstrations and publicity campaigns are used sparingly, only if there is no progress through negotiations.

"But there is no negotiating with anti-Semites," said Gordon of the Liberty Lobby. "In the

Rotary Club, on the other hand, many members were unaware of what was happening."

IN INDIANA the ADL has never had to resort to direct, open confrontation, such as a march or picket line. However, it has engaged in several publicity campaigns.

In 1969 a telephone message service, or a "Dial-A-Hate" as Gordon calls it, was sponsored by a group called "Let Freedom Ring." The ADL had to go to the Public Service Commission to find out who sponsored the messages, and to plead a successful case against such future practices on the phone.

Purdue University had an out-of-state admissions policy in effect for at least ten years previously when complaints made the ADL aware of it in 1970. Under this policy, only the applicants in New York and New Jersey whose parents were alumni, qualified for admission. This criteria did not apply in other states.

Students applying in 1970 would have had parents who went to college in the 1940s — at a time when Purdue had a quota for Jews. Thus the number of eligible Jewish students was greatly narrowed.

The ADL took this case to the press when school officials were not cooperative — and the policy was repealed in 1972.

LIBERTY LOBBY is currently the target of a publicity campaign by the ADL,

based on the assumption that most people will reject the group once they know its function and nature.

The Lobby radio broadcasts (See P-O Aug. 2, 9, 1974) have been countered by ADL broadcasts. Equal time has been granted by Indiana stations for rebuttal to those broadcasts which violated the letter and spirit of the fairness doctrine. Ultimately, the ADL can call into question a station's broadcasting license.

In Marion, the Meshingomesia Country Club was "integrated" in the past year through a series of progressive Jewish boycotts of the Club, coordinated in three meetings of the Jewish community and the ADL.

Jews might have become more complacent in America as the form of anti-Semitism changed, believes Gordon, except the creation of Israel produced a new area of "sensitivity."

Thus, anti-Semitism is less easily recognized and dealt with today, although the techniques for fighting it have remained largely the same.

The visible changes have been reassuring, but the danger lies in what is not so easily seen.

"Fiddler" Playing Thru This Month

"Fiddler on the Roof" is the current offering at the Repertory Theater in the Christian Theological Seminary Auditorium, 1000 W. 42nd St. Performances are Thursday through Sunday until the end of this month.

Bernard Wurger, head of the drama and speech department at Butler University, portrays the strong and long-suffering Tevye. Several members of the Jewish community appear in the cast (see "Social Side" this issue) and the display case of Jewish artifacts in the theater lobby was arranged through the courtesy of Temple Beth-El Zedeck.

Jordan D. Mandel To Be Bar Mitzvah

Jordan David Mandel, son of Darrel and Joanne Mandel, will read the Torah and chant the Haftarah in the celebration of his bar mitzvah on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Congregation B'nai Torah.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Milton Babbitz of Milwaukee, Wis., and paternal grandfather is Mr. Louis Mandel of North Miami, Fla. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Bernard Manhoff of Miami.

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POST-MARKED B'nai B'rith Women 324 To Hear Robert Gordon

25 Years Ago

Box collectors for the Women's Division of the 1949 Jewish Welfare Federation campaign received final instructions from chairman Mrs. Lewis Levy along with her co-chairman Mrs. Herschell Goodman.

A banquet at the Central Hebrew Congregation featured the installation of new officers

including Louis Elkovitz, as president, Alex Schuchman as first vice president, Sam Levinsky second vice president, Sam Dorfman as treasurer, and Ben Momberg and Joseph Albert as secretaries.

Mrs. Martin Lerner, chairman of the Square Dance Committee, announced the first social at the Kirshbaum Center. Ronald Marvin Popp and Herman Lawrence were Bar Mitzvahed at United Hebrew Congregation and Knesses Israel Congregation respectively.

Mesdames Charles Efroymson, Walter Lichtenstein, Alfred Wolfenstein and Walter Wolf were delegates to the national convention of the Council of Jewish Women.

Councillettes held a membership meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack Goldberg. Sue Yaver was membership chairman and Marcia Solotkin program chairman.

The B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 58 membership smoker featured football movies and a talk by Samuel J. Mantel.

Two calves were born at the Efroymson farm and, as Mary Ann Efroymson reported to her religious school class, they were named Rosh and Shona.

The annual "Fill the Cookie Jar" for Hillel and the Anti-Defamation League meeting will be held by the Indianapolis chapter of B'nai B'rith Women No. 324, at 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22 in the clubhouse of the Bryce de Moray Apts. at 2000

W. 79th St.

Robert Gordon, Indiana Regional Director of the ADL will speak on "Need — New Initiative for fighting anti-Semitism" and will give a synopsis of the new book "Anti-Semitism."

ADMISSION is by bringing cookies or a donation which is to be given to the Hillel houses of Indiana and Purdue Universities. Prizes will be given for the best recipe. A baby sitter will be available upon request.

Reservations or cookie pick up for those not attending in person can be made with Mrs. Helaine Rosenstein 255-8838 or Mrs. Oscar Davis 255-7802 chapter president.

On Wednesday Oct. 23 a nine to five paper goods sale will be held at 1803 Shawnee Road. All goods will be sold for at least half price and all goods are new.

B&P Hadassah To Meet Oct. 23

Mrs. Howard Kahn will discuss the recent Hadassah Convention at the first meeting this season of the Business and Professional Group of Hadassah. The meeting will be at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the home of Mrs. Melvin Smith, 8422 Springmill Rd.

Mrs. Lena Kammen and Mrs. Celia Sentir will deliver opening and closing prayers, and the film, "As Ever, Hadassah," will be shown.

Mrs. Melvin Smith, Mrs. Lena Kammen, Mrs. Edward Fershtman and Mrs. David Frankovitz are hostesses for the evening.

ORT Auction Is Set For Nov. 2 At IHC

On Nov. 2, the Indianapolis Chapter-At-Large of Women's American ORT will present its "Auction et cetera III" in the

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Auditorium, 6501 North Meridian St. A cocktail hour and preview showing at 7 p.m. will proceed the auction at 8:30 p.m.

2 Are Members Of UN Committee

Robert Gordon, Indiana Regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, and Rabbi Murray Saltzman of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation are members of the UN Day committee planning the observance on Oct. 24.

Mr. Gene Phillips of General Auction Co. will auction the items off. There will be a silver auction, tomboli, along with many interesting articles. All proceeds from this auction will go to ORT's M.O.T. (Maintenance ORT Training) Project. M.O.T. provides the teachers, training materials, equipment and helps administer the schools. Mrs. Abc Schankerman is chairman of this project.

Kodimo Club To Meet Nov. 5

The next business meeting of the Kodimo Club is scheduled for Tuesday evening, November 5, at the home of Mrs. Meyer Sachs, 345 E. 60th St. Co-hostess will be Mrs. Nate Sachs.

The Club previously had a Succouth Party, hosted by Mrs. Joseph N. Smith and co-hosted by Mrs. Lou E. Levy.

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P-O Aids Leningrad Family Locate Nephew

(See the Editor's Chair in this issue.)

An item in The Post and Opinion's "From Pillar To Post" column has brought together Aron Vinkovetsky, 71-year-old naval engineer in Leningrad, and his nephew, Dr. Gerson Vincow, chairman of the chemistry department at Syracuse University.

The item in The P-O was placed by Joyce Shane of Carvallis, Ore., who had been corresponding with Vinkovetsky. The appeal was noticed by Mrs. Ina Rae Levy, wife of Rabbi Theodore Levy, of Syracuse, who contacted Dr. Vincow.

"I CANNOT DESCRIBE in words my initial shock," he told The P-O. "I called Mrs. Shane and learned that I had an uncle and aunt, three first cousins and five second cousins." He said that Mrs. Shane and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Phillip Shane, had searched for over a year and a half, not only

with HIAS and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry but also in the Yiddish press and in various Anglo-Jewish weeklies.

The search began when Mrs. Barry (Joyce) Shane sent 10 New Year cards to Soviet Jews in 1972. She received only one response, that from Aron Vinkovetsky, who asked her help in finding his brothers, unaware that both were deceased.

Dr. Vincow said that he and his wife are now in regular correspondence with their uncle, who was delighted to find his relatives. "How wonderful and how joyous it was to finally find you," he wrote from Leningrad.

DR. VINCOW has launched a campaign to secure his uncle's permission to emigrate to Israel, as well as that of their son, Yakov, 36, who with his wife, Dina, were refused visas, and as is routine lost their jobs

in the process. The young Vinkovetskys are geologists.

"The central goal of my life and all the members of my family is aliyah," Aron Vinkovetsky wrote to his nephew. "It is our duty to fix up all that has been wronged all the days of our lives in exile. We must make our contributions to the building of the State, to dedicate all our strength and talents to progress and advancement in science, research, literature and industrial productivity in our Holy Land, the land of our fathers."

Dr. Vincow expressed his appreciation to The Post and Opinion. "Let me express to you," he wrote to Peter B. Black, who conducts the P-O's column, "Pillar to Post," my deepest gratitude. After 34 years of separation you have brought our families together. Our happiness and that of our relatives in Leningrad know no bounds."



NEW HOPE AS U.S. RELATIVES FOUND

Mr. and Mrs. Aron Vinkovetsky, of Leningrad, are shown with their grandson, Daniel, together with his father, Yakov. They were able to locate their nephew, Dr. Gerson Vincow, Chemistry Department head at Syracuse University, through The Post and Opinion.

Abba Eban Defends Rights Of Reform, Conservatism

CINCINNATI — Abba Eban spoke out strongly in his stop here on the lecture circuit when he asserted that not only his dominant Mapai Party but also other parties "would stand firm against any measures which would cast doubt on the sanctity of rabbinical action, whether Orthodox, Conservative or Reform."

THE FORMER Foreign Minister was referring to the offer by the Rabin Government to declare a one-year moratorium on citizenship for

newcomers to Israel while the Law of Return might be reconsidered. Presently any person converted to Judaism by any rabbi can opt for citizenship as a Jew. The National Religious Party wants this changed to accept as a Jew only those converted by Orthodox rabbis, which would rule out Reform and Conservative conversions.

In his talk here, Eban said according to The American Israelite that he believes "the Israeli people, its government and its Parliament must come

to terms with the pluralism over diversity of the Jewish religious experience. To deny that pluralism," he said, "is to deny historic reality."

CONTINUING, he asserted that "All sincere Jewish worship commands our respect. I therefore devoutly hope that there are those who would stand firm against any measures which would cast doubt" on non-Orthodox rabbinical action.

He pointed out that "Israel is the center but is not the totality of Jewish life."

Egypt's Stand Hardens; Kissinger Becomes Wary

JERUSALEM — With Henry Kissinger visiting Near East capitals this week in search of interim steps towards a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute, one thing has become clear and that is an almost 180 per cent change in the Israel posture.

Whereas the criticism of Israel's diplomacy prior to the present Government was its narrowness and lack of initiative, the Rabin Government is offering plenty of options if the real intent of the Arabs is peace with Israel.

WHETHER MR. RABIN himself or Yigal Allon, Foreign Minister, and lesser figures, they all have clearly stated that they are ready to yield territory occupied in the Six Day War of 1967 for moves from the Arab side towards peaceful resolution of the problems of the area.

The non-belligerency position of Israel is one offer, and even this has various steps, so that if it were to be rejected in toto, some of its provisions might be accepted by Egypt.

Before leaving Washington, Mr. Kissinger strained to make convincing that his trip could not develop any agreements or result in dramatic announcements. He said he was going to the Middle East with

no fixed ideas.

EGYPT'S STIFFENED attitude towards Israel, bode poorly for Mr. Kissinger's trip, for while he has persuaded Israel to be willing to compromise, he has found the Arabs almost intransigent.

Sadat stated in the past week that he will not make a separate peace with Israel and that he was not prepared to enter a non-belligerency agreement with Israel even if she withdrew from the whole of Sinai.

ALSO HIS RECEPTION this week for Yassir Arafat and support for the PLO at the United Nations are indications of his extreme stand, as well as his shift from support of King Hussein's plan for annexation of the West Bank to Jordan.

Israel's views on Jordan taking over the West Bank have changed to the point where Allon has echoed a statement by Mr. Rabin to the effect that a limited withdrawal from the West Bank and a federation between a future Palestinian state and Jordan were not impossible. In Israel these views are considerable not too much short of treason, but until the Knesset takes an opposite position, they represent the Jewish state's peace proposals.

Yeshivas Closed, Burglars Active

NEW YORK — Taking advantage of the absence from yeshivas during the High Holidays, burglars broke into three of them, while vandals damaged the silver plates on a Torah at a Sharei Zedek synagogue in Coney Island.

The break-in netted three typewriters and a Torah from the Bais Isaac religious school and synagogue, an undetermined amount of property at the Philip Harth Yeshiva and \$30 from the Tomer Dvora religious school for girls.

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Newest Rage Is Hitler Miniature

NORTHAMPTON — The idea of making a miniature replica of Adolf Hitler has led to a thriving sale and the increased production here is all going to West Germany.

Hitler is shown in long army coat adorned by his general medals.

"The Germans seem to like our latest model," a company representative here stated. "He looks very mean and that's how they prefer to remember him."

He expressed the view that the statues are placed on German mantlepieces.

Rabbis Lenient As No Agunas Left

JERUSALEM — Announcement that every woman widowed in the Six Day War had been given permission by the rabbinate to remarry indicates the liberality in decisions of the Chief Rabbinate.

The fact that there will be no agunas, who are prevented from remarrying because the fate of their husbands could not be verified, indicates the willingness of the Orthodox rabbinate to act quickly to find ways to ameliorate some decisions of Jewish law.

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DENVER, Colo. — When Rabbi Raymond Zwerin told his Temple Sinai congregation here about the communal wedding ring worn by Jewish brides for seven days following the nuptials, he had no idea that his own membership might resurrect such a tradition.

But Dr. Alan and Diane Vean had a different thought.

A week after Rabbi Zwerin's sermon in which he told how the medieval custom was practiced in Jewish communities where a highly ornate band in silver or gold crowned by an exquisitely sculpted decoration usually in the shape of a castle was utilized, the couple brought just such a silver ring to their Reform rabbi.

In jest, in announcing the gift from the Veans, which he promised "would be used in the congregation," the Reform rabbi said he was soon going to speak "about the heavy, solid gold menorahs which graced the Temple in Jerusalem," and asked, "Is everyone listening?"

CINCINNATI SURVEY SHOWS

Many Conversions Not For Marriage

(Editor's note: This is one of a series of surveys of conversions to Judaism in major U.S. cities.)

By MAURICE SCHAPIRO

CINCINNATI — A surprising phenomenon not heretofore suspected is shown by a survey among the local rabbinate of the conversions to Judaism performed in the past year. Almost all of the local rabbis who were contacted said that a goodly number of those they converted were not for the purpose of marriage to a Jew.

RABBI ALBERT GOLDMAN of Isaac M. Wise Temple, and his associate, Rabbi Leonard Troupp, reported 13 conversions in the 1973-74 year compared to eight in 1972-73 year. Most of them were not for the purpose of marriage.

Rabbi Harold D. Hahn, of Rockdale Temple, Amberley Village, Cincinnati suburb, reported a slight increase in conversions at his temple in the past year compared to the previous year and most of them were not for purposes of marriage.

Rabbi Donald Splansky of Temple Shalom, Amberley Village, reported a slightly less number converted at his temple the past year than in the previous year. He said that the Cincinnati Reform rabbis have agreed to send their applicants for conversion to class to be taught at Hebrew Union College by Rabbi Kenneth Ehrlich once a week from November through February at a nominal cost. Ehrlich is assistant dean of the college.

RABBI SOLOMON Greenberg of Valley Temple, Wyoming, says he had five conversions last year compared to two the year before and all were for the purpose of marriage.

Rabbi Fishel Goldfeder of Adath Israel Congregation, Amberley Village, largest Conservative congregation serving the Cincinnati area, reported about 12 converts both last year and the year before. He presides over a Beth Din for the actual ceremony.

Rabbi David I. Indich of Golf Manor Synagogue (Orthodox) said the Cincinnati Orthodox rabbis do not convert persons personally but a board of three of them offer conversion to the sincere who wish to obey all the laws of Judaism including the dietary laws. He said there was no hanky panky and conversion is purposely made hard for the prospects to test their sincerity and so they will know what Judaism is about. He estimated there were three or four Orthodox conversions last year, probably less than the year before.

Ecumenicism Takes New Step

NEW YORK — The ecumenical movement now includes study missions to Israel and Rome as the American Jewish Committee has announced three such groups to "probe the Jewish roots of the Catholic Holy Year." Three rabbis and three priests will lead the missions.

The year 1975 has been proclaimed a Holy Year by Pope Paul VI.

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Shall The Russian Jews Quitting Israel Get Aid?

NEW YORK — The question of aid for Russian Jews who are leaving Israel has made a perplexing problem for world Jewish relief organizations, and more specifically the Joint Distribution Committee. The JDC is the arm of the world Jewry that is entrusted with the task of providing assistance for Jews leaving countries where they are in distress.

THE PROBLEM arises when after the JDC has transported these emigrants to their destination, usually Israel, the emigrants then seek to leave for other places. At this point, as far as the present determination, the Jewish man or wife and family, is no longer provided with additional help.

As a result, these Jews have turned to other organizations for assistance, and in many cases, these are Christian charitable groups, which raises a number of questions.

In Belgium, it was necessary for the government to institute a new requirement which stopped the flow of 600 Jews into Brussels where they were taken under the arm of a Belgian Roman Catholic welfare organization.

THE SOVIET Jews are not at all anti-Israel, but have arrived at the conclusion that it is not the place for them. Intellectuals, engineers, artisans, craftsmen, musicians, etc., they spent months trying to accommodate to the stringent Israel conditions, and finally took the decision to leave.

The majority hope to reach the United States, and some plan to go to Canada or Australia, and none wish to return to the Soviet Union.

As of September approximately five per cent of the 90,000 Jews who had been permitted to leave the Communist paradise as of the last month of 1971 when the visas to Israel began to be issued in large numbers, had departed for other lands. The figures are not that reassuring, however, when it is considered that a larger and larger percentage of Jews who leave Russia and reach the staging area at Vienna opt not for Israel but for the United

States, Canada and other western havens. This figure has been put at as large as 22 per cent.

RABBI WOULD ABANDON FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

MADISON, Wisc. — Discontinuance of late Friday night services was recommended by Rabbi Charles Feinberg of the Beth Israel Center (Conservative) here.

POINTING out that such services are "being reconsidered in many Conservative synagogues," Rabbi Feinberg said that "since most Jewish people do not work on Saturdays, the original reasons no longer apply."

He then turned to his own congregation, stating that "in recent years the late Friday night services has not been that well attended." He said that

bringing in guest speakers had been tried, but in addition to not affecting the other Friday night attendances, "I felt uneasy about the programs planned because I knew that a number of families would not come because they preferred to celebrate Shabbat at home Friday night, but would have attended had the program been held on a week night."

RABBI FEINBERG saw the synagogue being utilized on Friday nights by the three havurot who then could also plan dinners at the shul, plus other special occasions.

POWER OF JEWISH PRESS SUBJECT OF SYMPOSIUM

NEW YORK — Editors of four national Jewish magazines, will participate in a symposium Sunday, Nov. 3 on the subject of "The Power of the Jewish Press," as the Reconstructionist Magazine observes its 40th anniversary. The panelists will be Ronald Sanders, of Midstream, William Novak of

Response, Milton Himmelfarb of Commentary and Rabbi Eugene Borowitz of Shima.

Moderator will be Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, editor of The Reconstructionist. Dr. Robert Gordis, editor of Judaism, a quarterly, will deliver the address at the luncheon session following the symposium.

Problem For Rabin

Would-Be Settlers Are Turned Back

JERUSALEM — Jew was settled against Jew although the Israeli army finally ruled supreme as it rounded up the final few scores of mostly religious elements who had sought to settle in the West Bank of the Jordan occupied by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War.

Observers estimated the number in the groups who sought to evade the soldiers as high as 5,000. This was not the first time they had sought to

settle on the West Bank which they claim is part of historic Israel but which today is occupied by a million Arabs, formerly part of Jordan.

The confrontation though underscores the problem of the Rabin Administration which has taken a firm stand against such actions as an obstruction to peace possibilities with the Arab nations, but meanwhile antagonizes a large segment of voters.

At Yom Kippur Services

Streakers Are Thwarted

LOS ANGELES — Four streakers, three of them wearing shorts though, and only one in the raw, sought to parade through Rosh Hashonah services at a temple near the

UCLA campus, but were thwarted by alert ushers.

Herb Brin, publisher of Heritage, noted the event on the front page of Heritage, Jewish weekly, but did not give away the name of the congregation.

The streakers, all male, tapped on the patio windows to attract attention, but only aroused the ushers who quickly covered the view with screens. "At least they came to shul," was Brin's final remark.

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Not Much Different According To Isaac Mayer Wise 100 Years Ago And Today

By JUNE ELLIOT

"There are, perhaps, in San Francisco as many Israelites outside of congregations as are within them. . . Two days a year, New Year and the Day of Atonement, people appear in the synagogue. . ."

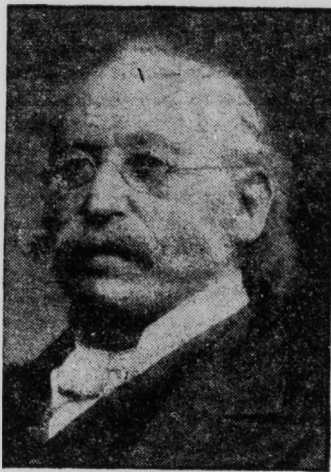
These words were written in 1877 by Isaac Mayer Wise, called the greatest Jewish voice of 19th century America and pioneer of Reform Judaism in this country.

WISE WAS the founder-builder of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College. He was also a journalist, newsmaker, rabbi-educator and editor of "The American Israelite" which is still being published.

In the summer of 1877 he traveled out West with the goal of uniting American Jews from coast to coast. All along his journey he wrote interesting comments and travelogues for his newspaper, and they appeared in 12 installments.

At that time, and also today, 10 per cent of American Jews lived in the West.

THIS YEAR, Wise's descriptions, experiences, and reflections were collected and put together into a most readable book, "The Western Journal of Isaac Mayer Wise, 1877." Edited by Rabbi William M. Kramer, the book was



ISAAC MAYER WISE
...two-day a year Jews.

published by the Western Jewish History Center of the Magnes Museum in Berkeley.

Some of Wise's tart observations include statements like: "As a general thing the ladies must maintain Judaism. They are three-fourths of the congregations in the temples every Sabbath and send their children to the Sabbath schools. . . If it was not for a few good and zealous working men, the whole of Jewish affairs would rapidly go down in that city, because materialism is so prominent and absorbing that hardly any room is left

for ideal interests. This is the case among Jews and gentiles alike. . ."

Wise trekked through Utah, Nebraska, as well as all over California. "I met all sorts of Jews," he wrote. "Two of them have turned Mormons. One living in Salt Lake City gave three of his daughters in marriage to a brother Jew Mormon in the country, who, according to the laws of Moses, ought to be burned together with his three wives."

WISE WAS the kind of man who inspired strong feelings. Dr. Kramer says, "leaders of the American Jewish community either loved or hated him." Kramer called his research a labor of love and a tribute to the memory of Isaac Mayer Wise. Kramer's work is a significant addition to literature that shows the importance of religious and ethnic groups in the development of the American West.

The summer of 1877 was a tough one. A hundred years later, it makes interesting reading to see the West through the eyes of Rabbi Wise. His contributions to Reform Judaism were enormous. He encouraged shorter sermons, spoken in English. He compiled the Reform prayerbook, encouraged organ music in the synagogue, and initiated Friday evening lecture-services.

His journal is colorful and captures the feeling of the Old West. He wrote, "This is a great country, although it needs fencing in, and some whitewashing; but it is the home of the free and the land of the brave, including Indians, trappers, tramps, Chinamen, with a dose of gamblers, adventurers and freebooters, plenty of rock, sagebrush, rattlesnakes, owls and prairie dogs, all in one hole."

AYELET BEAUTY SAVED

AYELET HASHAHAR — Those tourists who have spent time at this kibbutz in the upper Galilee which caters to them will be pleased to learn that a cement plant planned near here has been refused a building permit. Ayelet Hashahar and other settlements in the area opposed the plant on ecological grounds and as a threat to tourism.

Others Need Similar Policy

Jewish Center Adopts Affirmative Action

MILWAUKEE — A problem faced by all Jewish institutions which receive funds from the general community was met by the board of the Jewish Community Center here when it divided direct client-staff functions from other positions in order to institute an Affirmative Action program.

According to The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle here, JCC was asked to develop such a program for the employment of women and minority group members by the United Community Service, of which it is a constituent agency. Another Jewish Agency, also a constituent of the UCS, is preparing

similar action, The Chronicle stated.

Under the Affirmative Action policy, in such areas as "administrative clerical and clerical, supervisory maintenance and maintenance, these positions will be filled wherever possible from minority groups. In order to implement such a policy, a survey will be made of the staff, openings will be advertised in the minority communities, the interviewing procedure will be studied to avoid disqualifying minority persons from employment opportunities, and all suppliers will be asked to provide a statement that they follow similar standards.

Are We On The Eve Of Messiah-Time?

JERUSALEM — The Messiah-time is close at hand.

This was the view of Moshe Kohn, a long-time member of the staff of the Jerusalem Post who stuck his neck out with something of his tongue in cheek in a piece on the editorial page of his paper.

The former managing editor of The Post and Opinion, who is a Talmudic scholar of considerable note, based his view on "what the Talmudic Sages of the time of Jesus, Bar-Kochba and after had to say on what the Messiah-time would be like and on the subject of Messianic speculation."

CONTINUING, he supported his views by "discussions" in Tractate Sanhedrin 97 and 98 and in Sota, 49, though some appear in other places as well.

Kohn did not provide his speculations without first taking full cognizance of the many instances of false Messiahs and pointing out that "these heightened expectations often accompanied by social upheaval in preparation for the coming or after the coming, fail to materialize as expected, have usually occurred at moments of cataclysmic social or natural events — war, epidemic, the

appearance of comets, solar or lunar eclipses, etc.

"None-the-less," he wrote, "I will stick my neck out and say that Messiah-time is close at hand. For here is what some of the Sages said things will be like just before the Messiah comes — things that will happen and then pass:

— Rabbi Yohanan: Wise people will be few and far between; the rest of us — our eyes will be weary from grief and travail; troubles and terrible events will follow each other in quick succession.

— Rabbi Yehuda: Impudence

will abound, inflation will be rampant, there will be plenty of grapes but the price of wine will be prohibitive, the schools will be brothels, people will hold their noses in the presence of scholarship, piety will be despised, truth will be absent, the young will humiliate the old, the aged will rise before the young, sons will abuse their fathers, daughters will talk back to their mothers and daughters-in-law to their mothers-in-law, family members will hate each other, the leadership will be a dog-like leadership, sons will have no

shame before their fathers.

— Shmuel: Everything will be priced out of everybody's reach.

— Rabbi Hanina: It will be impossible to find some fish to feed a sick person.

— Rabbi Hama, son of Hanina: There will be a mediocre government that is as bad as no government.

Three of the Sages — Ulla, Rabba and Rabbi Yohanan — didn't like what they foresaw for the eve of Messiah-time and they said, each one separately: Let the Messiah come, but I don't want to be there when it happens.

the POSTING News

* * * gathered by Jewish Post & Opinion Correspondents

Israeli authorities are concerned by the ever larger number of Russian emigres who, upon reaching Vienna, elect to go to the United States rather than to Israel. The fact that liberal funds are made available for this purpose from Congressional grants, from United Jewish Appeal, from welfare funds and from HIAS serves to encourage the Russians to go to America. Jerusalem appreciates the need to provide humanitarian aid for immigrants to the United States but feels that the provision of large scale financial assistance serves to encourage even more immigrants to turn their faces to America.

LEFT WING GROUPS in Israel are quietly setting up vigilante gangs to use force against any Israelis who may try to set up colonies in the occupied West Bank.

FEARFUL OF THE EFFECT which opening of the Suez Canal will have on Eilat as a shipping center, Israeli authorities are stepping up plans for construction of a railroad to link Eilat with the central part of Israel.

THE PROPOSED BILL for reform of Israel's antiquated electoral system is being quietly torpedoed by some members of the very parties which have publicly paid lip service to the reform.

Reagan Called

Special Session On Yom Kippur

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — For legislators should be at home calling a special session of the preparing to go to their legislature on Yom Kippur eve, synagogue to worship, is an Gov. Ronald Reagan was insult to these legislators and criticized severely.

"For you to set the time of the special session on the eve of the Day of Atonement, our most sacred religious holiday, Synagogue of America, Pacific a time when all Jewish Region.

FROM

Pillar To Post

All mail for publication in this column should be addressed to Peter B. Black, 69-28 173rd St., Flushing, N. Y. 11365.

This is a catchall column. Is there something you want that our other readers can supply? Are you headed somewhere where you might like to make acquaintances or do you wish to secure some information about a Jewish community where you will relocate or where your child will attend college? Would you like to write to some of our readers in other parts of the country? Are you having problems with some Jewish commercial concern or agency or organization? All letters will be paraphrased in order to save space. Names and addresses of the writers will be published or not depending on the nature of the requests. Where no address is published, send your replies to Peter B. Black, 69-28 173 St., Flushing, N.Y. 11365.

Seeks Jewish Book Club

Pillar To Post:

I am trying to find a book whose name has slipped my mind. The author is a man by the name of Mr. Moshe Pogan, or Progen, or something similar, anyway, it starts with a P and it deals with the Jews in Germany during WW II. Also, there used to be a book club that dealt in only books about the Jews, etc. Is it still around, if so, name and address please. Arlen Coan, P.O. Box 17727, Charlotte, N.C. 28211.

Answer:

The book club is an adjunct of The American Jewish Committee, 165 E. 56th St., New York City 10022.

Everyone Speculating On Kissinger Results

WASHINGTON — Henry Kissinger was back in Washington, and as much time as he spent in the Mideast could be consumed in reading observations of the experts on results of his jaunt.

That he announced another junket next month was perhaps a hint that everything that had been discussed was only tentative. No one, including Mr. Kissinger, needs to be told that every time all the Arab countries get together, forward progress is curtailed as the more intransigent and less tractable Arab nations force through their wishes.

YET IT WOULD BE presumptuous, most observers believe, to discount any progress on Mr. Kissinger's trip. If the statements of the Arab leaders he visited are accepted at only par value, there was movement, and the conciliatory statements mean that there is some satisfaction with the trend of events. The only other interpretation would be that the statements were more for public consumption in order to win public opinion, but that would seem not to account for their full content.

What Israel's response is cannot be determined precisely at this point, and will remain to be seen when it becomes possible to read behind the words. Mr. Kissinger left with the impression that Israel too did not find the proceedings thus far unwelcome.

IT WELL COULD BE that what made the difference was that Mr. Kissinger did not take too many steps forward, but only procedural ones. That might account for the decision on a return trip and also make the achievements look brighter since no one was asked to give up any strong positions.

But this would discount Mr. Kissinger's ability. His goal is peace in the Mideast and although he surely is willing to bide his time, he cannot overlook the oil problem and its pressing effects, nor is he averse to planting seeds now that will sprout on his next trip or at sessions in Washington with the foreign ministers of the Mideast nations, or even in Geneva if that has to be the locale of the next step.

WHY THEN was Mr.

Kissinger so discouraging on his pronouncements prior to his trip? Only he can answer that for it is unlikely that there were any startling new developments that he encountered at the Mideast capitals or that before his trip he was not aware of the fine points in the various conditions set by both sides.

One possibility does exist, and since the strong point that was achieved was in connection with the possibility of a decrease in the price of oil, and that is that the Arabs have taken a longer look at the results of their steep price hikes and for their own welfare are beginning to think that they have overstepped the bounds of good judgement. That too remains to be seen, and that too depends on what happens when the Arab nations get together in their summit later this month in Moscow on Oct. 26.

IF THERE WERE any actual deals discussed, nothing would be announced now anyway. President Sadat was quoted as telling Kissinger that he will try to rally support at the summit for an interim agreement with Israel. That would seem to be a victory for Yitzhak Rabin who has offered Egypt a larger slice of the Sinai for an end to the 26-year state of belligerency. Yet in Jerusalem, Kissinger's pronouncement was only that Rabin had agreed on "principles and procedures" in future Arab talks.

As to discussions between Israel and Jordan, Kissinger said he favored negotiations between the two countries, but that they should include all the parties concerned.

Newsweek Magazine said this week Israel was prepared to withdraw 31 miles from the present disengagement lines.

How much the cold-blooded vote by the United Nations 105-4 to invite the Palestine Liberation Organization, headed by terrorist Yasir Arafat, to debate the Palestine issue will effect Kissinger's efforts is not a debatable question as obviously this, if not an entire new ball game, is certainly a changed one. Only the United States, of any western country, voted against the decision, while others like Britain and West Germany only abstained.

Holocaust Marked At N. Y. State U.

By LEE SCHWARTZ

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (P-O) — A special collection of books, documents and other scholarly materials pertaining to the Holocaust has been founded at State University of New York here, known as the Belle Margolis Library Collection in memory of Mrs. Moses Margolis, the collection will include standard works, principally in English, designed to support undergraduate instruction in the history of the Holocaust and will supplement materials in the Judaic Studies Program.

A five-day Holocaust Memorial program was sponsored recently by Shomrei Hatikvah, a student group concerned with cultural and educational needs of SUNYAB

students. A series of films, including those on the theme of Jewish resistance, were shown and a number of discussions were held.

SUKKAH

In The Court House
LOS ANGELES — A sukkah in the Court House.

By all means.

On the ninth floor balcony of the country court house, a sukkah was erected to provide for the needs of the Chabad Jurisprudential Study Group which meets bi-weekly with Rabbi Shlomo Cunin for a luncheon-hour Jewish law study, with kosher sandwiches brought in for the occasion.

According to Heritage, the more than 50 judges, commissioners, district attorneys, prosecutors and lawyers that attend the sessions took lunch in the sukkah which overlooks metropolitan Los Angeles.

For Speeches

Jewish Groups Pay Senators \$72,200

WASHINGTON, D.C. (P-O) — Jewish groups — Zionist organizations, Israel development agencies, charities, synagogues, and clubs — spent \$72,200 to hear pearls of U.S. senatorial wisdom, according to reports by members who made disclosures.

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) who addressed many Jewish groups, led the senate orators intake with \$65,640 for 44 appearances. Senator Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), took on \$39,575 addressing Jewish and other groups.

Senator Barry Goldwater, (R-Ariz.), whose father was Jewish but who is Episcopalian, took in \$44,733 but gave no details except that he obtained the honoraria through a speakers' bureau, Harry Walker, Inc., as he has for the last six years, avoiding disclosure of what organizations he addressed.

Senator James Abourezk, (D-S.D.), of Lebanese parentage, was paid \$49,425.15 in honoraria during 1973, chiefly from addressing Arabic-American groups.

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Jewish Publisher Protests As Arab Speaker Cancelled

CHICAGO — The Sentinel, "and had spoken in several Jewish weekly here, has withdrawn from participating in the

Jewish Community Forum with the Zionist Organization of Chicago over cancellation of a talk by an Arab spokesman.

Jack Fishbein, The Sentinel's publisher, blamed the pressure from the national office of the Zionist Organization of America after the Israeli Consulate in New York had been advised that Dr. M. Cherif Bassiouni, professor of law at DePaul University had been invited to talk.

HE CHARGED that "there is hardly a group which exercises a greater degree of censorship — self-applied it is true — than do we Jews," and that "important decisions affecting our welfare are decided by a few people in New York offices, often at the instigation of Israeli officialdom, and supinely accepted without the opportunity on our part to debate them or disagree."

He then asserted that the decision to invite an Arab spokesman was "the suggestion of the Zionist Organization, not The Sentinel's." He added that Dr. Bassiouni has appeared on a number of talk shows, including that of Irv Kupcinet,

synagogues.

AFTER CHALLENGING the view that the Arab spokesman was so persuasive that he might influence the Jewish audience, Mr. Fishbein concluded:

"The Sentinel is withdrawing from the Forum because we feel that it is no longer a free and open vehicle for the expression of all ideas, unpopular as some might be. There is no point in talking to ourselves and hearing only what we would like to hear. Tragically, we have enough of such places in Jewish life already. We don't need another."

BAHAMAS, ISRAEL TIES

WASHINGTON — Jewish visitors to the Bahamas might have been able to see the Israel Embassy here as diplomatic relations were established between the two countries were it not for the fact that they will have non-resident ambassadors. Simcha Dinitz, Israel Ambassador here, will add to his duties servicing needs in the Bahamas, which obtained their independence from Britain last year.

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INTERPRETING HALACHAH

Rabbi Is Answered on Halachah And Prayers

By RABBI A. BLUMENTHAL
(See Rabbi Hain's letter in
The Freedom of The Press Sec-
tion.)

I am delighted to welcome Rabbi Hain to this corner of the P.O. Mrs. Blumenthal and I have enjoyed attending services at his synagogue.

So prayer is worship of the heart, but halachah is the command of the Torah. "The two are not parallel." Why then is there so much halachah about the prayers? In the

famous confrontation at Yavneh between Gamliel the Second and Rabbi Joshua ben Chananyah, one of the crucial controversies revolved about the ma-ariv service. Joshua declared it to be voluntary and Gamliel insisted that it was compulsory. Gamliel coerced Joshua into adopting it as compulsory. Why? If it is not a subject for halachah but a mere matter of the heart, what difference does it make?

GAMLIEL INSISTED that the Eighteen Benedictions (the

Amidah, or the Sh'monah Esrey) be recited every day. Joshua required only a digest of the Eighteen. Rabbi Akiba sought a compromise but ultimately the halachah decided in favor of Gamliel. Why do we need uniformity? Can't we leave it to the promptings of the heart?

If there is any synagogue in which the services have become formal and frozen, it is the usual Orthodox synagogue. (I include the service in the Chapel of the Conservative synagogue

in Houston.) One dare not add or subtract anything from the ritual because the halachah forbids its.

That is not true of the non-orthodox synagogue. Who introduced additional readings in Hebrew or English? Who has commissioned new music for the synagogue? Even the rock services written by professionals, or by our kids, are an attempt to get away from the stereotypes and to create fresh approaches and understandings of the tradition. Orthodoxy with very few exceptions will have none of that.

STRANGELY, our tradition did enjoy such creativity for centuries. Whichever nusach one uses, each has produced its own poets and pietists whose writings have enriched their respective liturgies.

The "unesaneh tokef" which is recited in the Ashkenazic ritual with such overtones of awe is missing in the Sephardic machzor. They have their own stirring poetry, which we do not employ. Both were creative in their heyday — but not any

more. The Orthodox service, and Rabbi Hain knows that I love it, is fixed, frozen, rigid. The creative spirit has passed to the liberal synagogue and that is sad, very, very sad.

What I deplore most is the unwillingness to reconsider some of the ideas in the Siddur. All of us love the rejuvenation of Jewish life in the State of Israel, but do Orthodox Jews really mean it when they pray thrice daily "And speedily establish the throne of David (in Jerusalem)?" The poetic reference to David as the ancestor of the Messiah comes immediately after this prayer.

IN ADDITION to the restoration of sacrifices in the Temple, do they also want to establish a Davidic monarchy in Israel?

And, yes, the halachah for us has become a matter of the heart. I find it impossible to believe that everything in the Shulchan Aruch is the command of God. I don't think that Rabbi Hain believes it either. He says something about "the commands of the Torah through our Sages." That is a good beginning. The Sages were human, both of us will agree. To me that means that they were wise but fallible. I invite Rabbi Hain to tell us what that means to him.

As a matter of the heart, halachah is very precious to me, I admit that I select from it what I like, but I can prove that it always has been so. Does Rabbi Hain want to go through (Continued on Next Page)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

The Star-Studded Congregation

When Temple Sinai in Los Angeles holds an affair, it doesn't have to go outside of its membership for the entertainers. At the recent celebration of the 10th anniversary of the arrival in Los Angeles of Rabbi and Mrs. Hillel E. Silverman, the two-hour show featured Abbe Lane, Buddy Hackett and Don Rickles, all members of the Conservative congregation. Carroll O'Connor, who lectured last Sunday at the Wilshire Blvd. Temple, also was on the star-studded cast, as was Monte Hall.

Israeli Youngsters More Mature

Appearing in Cincinnati with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, Pinchas Zukerman, Israeli-born violinist, says kids in Israel aged 10 and 12 seem much older than American children of the same ages. Zukerman says Israeli youngsters are politically and culturally aware. He claims Israeli children learn a sense of values at an unusually early age and it stays with them the rest of their lives.

Israel In World Cage League

Through the interest of two Houston Jews, Israel will field a team in the new world professional basketball league comprising teams from Brussels, Barcelona, Bavaria, Amsterdam, Geneva, the Rhineland, Lyon-Grenoble, Madrid and Rome. Robert Hecht is footing the bill and even when after a few years the team is expected to show a profit, the revenue will be devoted to Israeli causes. He has been active in Jewish affairs, and his co-chairman, Livingston Kosberg, also from Houston, led the recent federation drive which hit a high of \$6 million.

The President And Taxes



Katzir

The memory of another president who had to pay his proper taxes after he became implicated in the Watergate matter was not in his mind when President Ephraim Katzir requested permission to forego the special president income tax exemption. Mr. Katzir told Israel Kargman, chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, that he was surprised to learn when he assumed office that he was legally exempt from income tax. Without committing himself either way, Mr. Kargman said he would bring the proposal before the Finance Committee.

The Cantor

The new cantor at Congregation Beth El, Levittown, Pa., is only 21 years old and this is his first full time cantorial job. When Harris Berstein was bar mitzvah in 1965 instead of reading the service, he recited it from memory, his feat resulting in newspaper reports in which he expressed a desire to become a cantor. Samuel Appel, noted singer and television performer and a great cantor in his own right, contacted him and promised to aid the youngster's ambition. His memory feat is unusual but it stems from the fact that he is blind. In fact on Rosh Hashonah, he had no reason to use braille for he has memorized the service in full.

American Debut Is Arranged

The American debut of Sedmara Rutshstein at the Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center in New York next Monday night was arranged by the Des Moines Jewish Community where Ms. Rutshstein, a well-known piano virtuoso in Russia, is now living. She was a concert pianist, recording star and soloist with the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mark Spitz's Stage Debut

Mark Spitz continued to receive rough treatment from the press, this time from the entertainment critic of the Los Angeles Times, who described the famous Jewish swimmer in his debut on the stage as a live entertainer as a "fish out of water." The reviewer asserted that "in water we have come to think of Spitz in terms of rare grace. As a show business personality he is a pin-up, a stiff, uncomfortable man who clearly wished he were elsewhere." The show was greeted by wild squeals by teenage girls who watched Spitz's performance at Magic Mountain, a family restaurant center just north of Los Angeles. Entitled, "The Mark Spitz Show," it found the swimmer as master of ceremonies and occasional singer and dancer.

Strange Bedfellows

A letter to the editor in "The Guardians," publication of the Neturei Karta of the United States, finds Dr. Alfred M. Lilienthal and the inhabitants of Mea Shearim in Jerusalem, who are as bitterly anti-Zionist as is Mr. Lilienthal, as strange

bedfellows. Lilienthal overcomes this dichotomy by writing that "While I cannot claim to be a religious Jew in the sense that you are — I am merely a Jew by my religion — I sincerely believe that your people deserve the right to worship G-d in the manner that you wish without the persecution you have been undergoing from the Zionist state and its leaders." Lilienthal, who edits "Middle East Perspective," added, "It is most important that, particularly American Christians, really appreciate and understand that many — Jews — those who are truly religious — are opposed to the ideology of the Zionist movement."

Oldest Active Policeman

Although no comparative statistics are quoted, it is believed that John C.K. Reohr, a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Albany, N.Y., is the oldest active policeman in the United States. At the age of 88, he has been on the Albany Police Force for 58 years and has no intention of retiring. "I have enjoyed every minute of it," he was quoted as saying in the Beth Emeth Bulletin.

Stuff Of American History

Leonard Bernstein disclosed that the work he is composing for the American Bicentennial will take the form of a song cycle, with texts from his favorite American poets — Philip Freneau of the Revolutionary War period, Allen Ginsberg and Hart Crane with others such as Whitman and Poe included. The conductor-composer said the song cycle would include solos, quartets, trios and other ensembles for singers. He added that the "poems are grouping themselves together in my mind as four symphonic movements, with themes like love, faith and dreams — the stuff of American history."

No Longer Mendicants

The 25 years of service of Dr. Jacob Freid to the blind was marked by the National Federation of the Blind. Dr. Freid, who is blind in one eye, began as a volunteer with the Jewish Braille Institute (JBI) in 1949, and eventually gave up his academic career in order to devote full time in the fight against prejudice of the blind by the sighted world. He is director of the JBI and has played a role in the change of the blind person from a mendicant with his hand out for help to a person who has been integrated successfully into public schools, colleges and the business world.

With The Rabbis

Rabbi Bertram W. Korn was honored at religious services at his Congregation Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in the pulpit of the congregation in which he was reared . . . Rabbi Robert Chernoff, Har-Brook Hebrew Congregation, Baltimore, has been elected to the pulpit of Sons of Israel Congregation, Chambersburg, Pa. . . . Rabbi Alan Silverstein has assumed the pulpit of the Neshaminy Valley Jewish Community Center, Cornwell Heights, Pa. . . . Rabbi Dan Landsman is the new spiritual leader of Temple B'nai Israel of Nutley, N.J. . . . Rabbi Paul D. Schneider, who was ordained in June at the JTS, has been elected assistant rabbi of the Lake Hiawatha (N.J.) Jewish Center . . . B'nai Abraham Congregation, Easton, Pa. has elected Rabbi Jonathan A. Schnitzer to its pulpit.

Sermon Of The Week

Apple Picking Time in The Garden of Eden — Rabbi Alan Mayor Sokobin, Congregation Shomer Emunim, Toledo.

Quotation Of The Week

It has long been a not very funny joke that teachers are sometimes only a lesson ahead of their students. It is no joke, however, that many parents are more than a lesson behind their children. When a child reaches a level of studying nuclear physics, it hardly disturbs him that his parents majored in English literature or corporate law and cannot keep up with him. In point of fact, he attains a certain status by his pursuit of studies totally mystifying to his parents. Knowledge of Judaism is quite a different story. No parent can claim competence in another area to offset his ignorance of Jewish studies. There can be a devastating effect upon a child when he discovers that the religious education which his parents mandate for him is so foreign to them that they are unable to discuss knowledgeably with him any facet of it. It is one thing when a child asks, "Dad, when did Maimonides live?" to be able to answer, "Twelfth century, but let's look it up exactly." It is rather a sad commentary when the answer must be, "Who?" — Dr. Dorothy Axelroth, Education Director, Temple Sinai, Roslyn Heights, N.Y.

Interpreting Halachah

(Continued from Preceding Pg.) the Shulchan Aruch with me, paragraph by paragraph, and tell me that he would retain all of it? In theory, Orthodoxy insists upon the observance of the whole of the halachah. In practice Rabbi Hain knows that his own synagogue is not conducted upon that principle.

Name-calling is out of place in this discussion. To call me a "victim" of Watergate which implies innocence of wrongdoing, and in the next sentence to accuse me of "subverting the law" is graceless and gratuitous. He ought to know that the differences between Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Jews are based on serious thought. Would it contribute anything if I were to reciprocate with a few choice adjectives?

Obituary

Mrs. S. Deborah Ebin

NEW YORK — Death at the age of 87 claimed Mrs. S. Deborah Ebin, honorary national president of American Mizrahi Women. She aided her husband, the late Rabbi Nachman Ebin, found day schools in Cleveland, Syracuse, Buffalo and New York City. She was the daughter of Rabbi Aaron M. Ashinsky.

Max L. Grant

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Max L. Grant, wealthy philanthropist, died here at the age of 85. Among the beneficiaries of his largesse were the American Jewish Committee and Miriam Hospital here.

SWASTIKA MARS ARK

YOUNGSTOWN, O. — Although police theorized that one or more youths who were responsible for the vandalism at Children of Israel Congregation were looking for money or other valuables, the fact that a swastika was scratched on the front of the Ark seemed to indicate anti-Semitism also was a factor. A few dollars was missing from a drawer used by the daily minyan.

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Dr. Massarik is best-known in the Jewish community for his statistics on intermarriage.

Before his valuable work, there were a number of surveys under scientific auspices, and the general impression was there — that intermarriage was growing. But until the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds subventioned the studies by Dr. Massarik, there was no great reliance in the accuracy of the many studies.

The lesson then is that we must extend Dr. Massarik's work and his purview. The areas in which we need as stable knowledge as possible for good decisions on the part of the community are vast and changing, and to mention only one — anti-Semitism and its growth and strength — is enough to alert us to the full dimension of the value of adequate information.

Dr. Massarik is telling us only inferentially about the quality of Jewish life — his main contribution is quantitative, not qualitative. And it is in the matter of quality of Jewish life that we need more knowledge so that we may act intelligently.

Whether Dr. Massarik is the man to shoulder this kind of imaginative project is not for us to determine, but the fact that this is an area in which we have no accurate information is uncontested. And also the fact that we will be derelict if we do not consider now setting up the kind of ongoing agency that will provide us with the information we require.

Groupings In American Judaism

What do we learn from the two news stories of the past several weeks — one recounting the division in the Reform Movement by those who believe its current trend is restrictive and the second news story explaining the situation that has brought Reform rabbis to accepting pulpits in Conservative congregations?

What we learn is that the division as between Reform and Conservatism is not that great. Explained in another way, it would be that there is more affinity between right wing Conservatism and Orthodoxy, and also between left wing Conservatism and right-wing Reform. In other words, the three wings in Judaism could probably be divided more in accord with beliefs if we cut the cake into five new ways — there are five if you take into consideration the most Orthodox on the right (the Rabbinical Alliance, Agudath Israel and the Chassidic sects) and the classical Reform on the left.

That would then mean (1) the most Orthodox, (2) the Orthodox consisting of right wing Conservatism and Modern Orthodoxy, (3) the center Conservatives, (4) Reform made up of left wing Conservatism and right wing Reform, and then (5) classical Reform. The Reconstructionists would fit into group four.

There are many questions which arise.

Will there be any breakway groups, and is this not healthy?

Is the tension among the five divisions not wholesome?

Are the groupings a result of demand from the lay membership or the judgements of the rabbis and if the latter is so is not there something artificial about the present groupings and those which seem to be developing? On the other hand could it not be that the trend is the result of the rabbi's observations of the inclinations of their memberships?

The EDITOR'S CHAIR

From reports from various communities, we already have learned that the U.S. Jewish community has been slow in gearing up in accepting the Russian newcomers.

The fact that the flow of Russian Jews will increase makes it even more important that we recognize this problem and attempt to meet it.

It is not that our federations are not taking the Russians in hand. It is that our federations — usually the Jewish Family Service adjunct — is failing in providing what the Russians need.

It is too obvious that these newcomers need jobs and housing, and in this area what is being done is not sufficient. But the big failure is elsewhere. It is in you readers and this writer — we have lost our ability to be hospitable. Oh, sure, we have our friends, but these are people in our rungs on the economic ladder — not the people who need the hospitality.

How many readers of this paper go out to look for Jewish strangers on Friday night to invite them to the festive Sabbath meal? How many Federation directors have ever in their entire lives done this? How many federation presidents, how many presidents of our congregations, in fact how many rabbis?

You get the picture.

What we are doing now to the relatively few Russian Jews who are coming to the United States, we did not more than 30 years ago to the refugees from Nazism. We got them here, they got jobs, many became affluent, but we really never took them in — their children, yes, but not the parents.

Let us not repeat the same error.

We Jews must resume the warmth that was Jewish life of the past. We must go out of our way — it won't be easy since the Russian Jew comes from a totally different environment — to bring them into our families. We must not consider them as charity objects.

We must think how we would feel if we were uprooted and thrust into a Jewish community which provided some of the necessities of life but then ignored us as persons.

WE THOUGHT YOU'D enjoy some of these definitions of common English terms referring to Jewish occasions. They are from the pen of I.J. Rosenbaum and are being excerpted from his article entitled, "A Rabbi's Dictionary," in the Rosh Hashonah Edition of the South African Jewish Times:

BANQUET. An instrument of torture for the forcible extraction of funds from the invited guests — who are compelled to eat so that others will not go hungry.

CONGREGATION. A group of invisible men and women who found and support a synagogue. The fact that their bodies are seldom seen there gives rise to such expressions as, "Our congregation numbers 500 souls" or "Ours is a spiritual enterprise."

ISRAEL. A small Mideastern country surrounded by unfriendly oil wells. It is deficient

in all energy resources except Jews.

JUDAISM. An ancient faith of the Jewish people now practiced mainly by rabbis, teachers, cantors and children.

RABBI. A Jewish clergyman whose simply stated request, or even slight gesture, invariably secures implicit and unquestioning compliance from his congregation — when he asks that they rise or be seated.

SAUNA. A newly-discovered device which, when located in a Jewish Community Center, strengthens and reinforces Jewish identity.

IF YOU REALLY WANT to know how ineffective are our Zionist organizations, then watch to see how many citywide celebrations there will be of the current centenary of the birth of one of the great Zionist leaders — Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

The criticism though should not be aimed only at the Zionist movements, because it is more than clear that all of us are Zionists by any measurement you care to make. So it is all our organizations, all our rabbinical groups, all our congregations, all our federations who must share the blame of forgetting and ignoring this great man who devoted his life to bring into existence the Jewish commonwealth.

WE LIKE THE RELAXED way that Richard M. Morin handles the fact of the age of inquisitiveness when our young people begin to question the actuality of God. See if you agree. This is from the bulletin of Congregation B'nai Jehudah, of Kansas City, and Mr. Morin is from Temple Ohabei Shalom, of Nashville.

The young person who is searching must sweat it out himself. He will not accept ready-made answers. The most that parents and teachers can do is to surround him with the type of religious atmosphere which will condition the young person's final answers along the lines we desire. An example we often use is that of music. If one likes a particular composer, the way to make someone else like the same composer is not to tell him that his music is beautiful, but to steep him in that music until he, too, likes it!

Thus, when the young person tells his teacher that he is about to decide whether there is a God or not, the effective teacher does not act shocked but rather wishes him well on his quest. In a sense we are admitting his right to come up with negative answers, but this is no more than he was prepared to do in the first place.

To parents who are shocked by this approach, we say that this is no time to start getting religious. As in every human endeavor, the best way is to lay solid foundations throughout the child's life rather than to react from crisis to crisis. If this is done, the young person who is searching will question, as well he should, but will in all likelihood emulate his parent's philosophy when it comes time to make final commitments . . .

Change Yes, But Not Just To Please The Orthodox

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

Once again the pressure is placed upon Reform rabbis to change their ways. The latest assault is that we should perform conversion ceremonies according to the halachah, that is according to Orthodox requirements.

The reasons are two-fold. First it would please the Orthodox. Second, it would be helpful for those we convert who might move to Israel.

MY OWN REACTION is "No way!" It is always pleasant to please the Orthodox, and any improved rapport is desirable. But nothing will really please them other than our step by step "return to the fold." And that is emphatically not part of my agenda.

As far as Israel is concerned,

the debate of several years ago on "Who is a Jew?" resulted in the Knesset decision that conversions performed by Reform Rabbis outside Israel were to be considered valid.

The "religious bloc" has time and again sought to reverse the decision by pressure politics, most recently during the last days of Golda Meir's administration.

Should the "Datim" (the Orthodox) in Israel succeed, both Israel and Judaism in general will be the losers. But this is a problem that Israel must face.

THE PROBLEM that Reform Judaism must face is to remain true to its ideals, and true to itself. The minute I begin performing rites I don't believe in, the minute I begin requiring rituals of which I disapprove, at that moment I begin to be false to myself and to my commitments.

If all we want to do is to please those who disapprove of us, then we should simply abandon Reform Judaism. But if

we believe that what we are has worth and meaning, then we simply have to stand up and be counted.

Not everything about Reform is perfect. Far from it. And we must never stop examining ourselves, our actions, and our motives.

BUT I, FOR ONE, have no intention of adding or subtracting that merely to please an implacable group that will never be satisfied with less than complete capitulation.

I respect the Orthodox for their beliefs. I would like, in turn, to receive their respect as well.

Rabbi Maurice Davis can be reached at 252 Soundview Ave., White Plains, 10606.

FREE DENTAL SERVICE

LOS ANGELES — Free dental care for Russian immigrants will be provided by volunteer dentists, it was announced here by the Jewish Family Service.

Community Center In Israeli Slum Is Wasted

The Jewish Post
Friday, October 18, 1974

By JUDY CARR

Beit Barbour is an imposing building standing on the borders of Kfar Shalem and Shechunat Hatikva, two of the worst slum districts in Tel Aviv, possibly in Israel. Beit Barbour was dedicated in the name of the American ambassador to Israel, Walworth Barbour, and the money to build it was contributed by American donors.

Its purpose is to serve as a community center for the underprivileged youth and families of the slum areas . . . and very few of the young people will even go near it.

ENTERING the building and taking part in activities is permitted only by members. It costs the teenagers IL 5 a month (\$1.00) for a membership card and another IL 5 for any group activities they join. The large families with a minimum of five children, cannot afford this outlay.

Clara Shoshanni says that it would cost her and her children IL 45 a month to join Beit Barbour. When she wrote and told the heads of the center she could not afford this, she received a printed slip telling her to come and discuss the matter. Her husband told her not to start arguments and forget the whole thing.

However, it is possible to secure free memberships with the written permission of

the social worker if people are willing to go and ask for it.

THE TEENAGERS do not want the activities the center offers — ceramics, painting and enamelling and so on. However, they do go for judo and physical culture. What the school children are dying for is a proper library to help them with their homework.

IL 80,000 was donated for the library in Beit Barbour but there are only a very few books. The school children take a bus ride to the municipality library in the center of Tel Aviv when they want to look up an answer in their homework. The teenagers say they do not feel at home in the imposing center. "It's like a museum," said a girl.

Clara said, "The center only employs trained youth leaders with a diploma. Why don't they pick youth leaders who live in the area, whom the kids would feel at home with? Why don't they bring groups of teenagers and introduce them properly to the place to make them feel at home . . . As it is, the young people prefer to keep away."

THERE IS A GYM and a swimming pool in the center but they are scarcely used. The swimming pool is now closed because last year a girl drowned. The water was so murky because of defective pipes that the lifesaver could not see her to reach her in time.

The center is under the auspices of the Municipality of Tel Aviv which engages the youth leaders and makes the rules and regulations. The Deputy Mayor, Yitzhak Artzi, is quoted by a voluntary worker from Shechunat Hatikva as saying, "We have to charge for membership because otherwise the center would be open to everyone and the kids would just come in and smash it up."

The worker retorted, "If a kid pays IL 5, he can still do IL 1,000 worth of damage. Isn't the purpose of the center that it should be open to all the young people and families in the area?"

Maybe Walworth Barbour and the donors also thought that this was the purpose of their carefully thought-out project. Millions of dollars have been used to little purpose before, but it seems a pity that the disadvantaged youngsters who have little enough in their lives should be the ones to suffer.

Editor's note:

Mr. Frank has undergone an eye operation, and his column has been interrupted until his recovery.

THE ECONOMIC VIEW

No Quick Answers To Israel's Energy Needs

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

Israel has been researching and developing nuclear power



Krupnick

for many years. Nuclear reactors at the atomic energy plants in Nahal Sorek and at Dimona have been in operation for over a decade. Yet, to build the first nuclear power station with a generating capacity of 660 megawatts even under the best of conditions will take eight years at a cost of \$500 million. Further, eight such stations will have to be built in Israel in the '80s in order to keep up with the country's energy needs.

Quite apart from the impossible back-breaking money cost and the necessary harnessing

of numerous industrial facilities and manpower reserves in building and maintaining the plants — there will in the end still remain a dependence on other countries, especially the United States, for the enriched uranium fuel to operate the plants. While Negev phosphates could possibly provide much of the raw uranium, its enrichment would have to be processed abroad.

THUS THE OUTLOOK for a quick solution to Israel's energy-fuel problem in the area of atomic energy seems rather bleak. In fact, the new Hedera Electric Power Plant now under construction and scheduled for completion in 1979 at a cost of \$290 million will use oil as its fuel. The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Haim Bar Lev, even recommends to adapt the furnace for burning oil or coal. (The additional investment would be \$160 million).

This obvious throwback on conventional fuel sources does not at all imply that Israel's research in the field of energy is dormant or ineffective. Quite the contrary, there is feverish activity in this and related areas of research. There are those who deplore the fact that of the IL 600 million spent annually on research here, more than a third goes for undirected applied research. They state with some justification . . . "that Israel is contributing more to science per capita than any other country — and can't afford it." Much closer coordination between the universities and industry could result in more research directed into saleable products.

A TECHNION PHYSICIST team offers the possibility of an energy breakthrough by means of a new mechanism for the release of energy through controlled nuclear fusion. In essence their method would make possible such release of energy without the required extremely high temperature of 100 million degrees by compressing the fuel with specially designed lasers. The proposed fuel is deuterium, a heavy isotope of hydrogen obtainable from any water, fresh or sea. This method could provide the cheapest source of energy while completely eliminating the danger of radioactive pollution, since no radioactivity results.

The Israel Atomic Energy Commission announced the construction of a high-power laser beam at the Nahal Sorek Nuclear Research Center for the application of this controlled nuclear fusion theory. The new laser with a power output of 1,000 m. kilowatts, can produce the high temperature and pressure condition needed for nuclear fusion.

THE STAKES are high. If successful, all of Israel's electricity needs for one year could be supplied from 1½ tons of deuterium contained in about 50,000 tons of water. However, from applied theory to practical production can be a long and costly interim with uncertainty

of results plaguing every tedious step.

Research in nuclear power, certainly more dramatic in its world-wide potential as a principal energy source, is by no means the only area of intensive efforts here. The Technion publication, "Energy Research at Technion," lists detailed research by nine separate departments and a total staff of 88, covering many phases of mechanical, electrical, aeronautic, civil, chemical and materials engineering.

A successful application of solar energy research has been in general use in Israel for over a decade in the provision of a steady and inexpensive supply of hot water. Further study is being conducted in methods of utilizing solar energy for heating and cooling entire apartment buildings. Feasibility research is under way for the use of the heat during summer to operate a cooling system by the absorption method.

SOLAR PONDS are being developed for generating heat and power. This is an area in

which a number of marketable products are being readied for general use in Israel and in other countries enjoying many months of sunshine.

Hydroelectric power potentials are being carefully evaluated at various key points along Israel's inner waterways.

All these ongoing research projects are greatly encouraging. All will no doubt in time contribute to the overall solution to the energy crunch here. Nevertheless, barring a sudden sensational breakthrough, Israel must continue to rely for the foreseeable near future on its principal sources of energy and fuel — the Abu Fodeis oil fields on the Sinai Red Sea Coast (supplying some 80 per cent of Israel's needs), the dwindling Heletz Fields, (less than 6 per cent) and purchases from Iran at the going high market rate. As discussed in previous columns, the economic and political implications of this situation are crystal clear.

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Why Few Jews Are Alcoholics

BALTIMORE — At each meeting of the Alcoholics Anonymous Shalom Group, the participants start out by stating, "Hello, my name is Joe. I am an alcoholic."

The reason is that the first step towards a cure is admission that the person is an alcoholic.

KIM MULLER-THYM, assistant editor of The Baltimore Jewish Times, attended a meeting of the only group meeting in a congregation at Temple Har Sinai where only about a fourth of the thirty present were believed to be Jewish.

Dr. Sid Wolfe, director of the Division of Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse of Baltimore County, told her that "The old taboos are breaking down to the detriment of the Jews as they become more American." But he added, "Jews are inculcated with certain views from the time they are born. They are terrified of loss of control."

HE THEN went on:

"As the sayings go — 'drink but don't get drunk' or 'schicker iz a goy' . . . I remember the old men tossing down shots of schmapps like water before synagogue services, which was fine as long as it didn't show.

"Jews have just never incorporated alcohol into their life style. They do not use it to let off steam. Their major commitments are to family and life, not relaxing."

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| 3) AKRBA | C) Jewish underneath with a Spanish exterior |
| 4) ALALGHC | D) His pictures decorate many homes |
| 5) OMNAARN | E) He "chose" and "promised" to write. |

MINHAG YISROEL: JEWISH CUSTOM

HOSHANA RABAH-10:7 — Literally, "great willow," this is the seventh day of Sukkot. The willow refers to the willows we use in the lulav on Sukkot. But the real meaning of Hoshana is "Save, please," praying that G-d save us from bad decrees. As my father, Rabbi Nathan Wise, has always told us, Rosh Hashonah is like a person writing a letter, so too G-d inscribes us in His book of life. Yom Kippur is like a person sealing the letter in an envelope, so too G-d seals his decree which he had inscribed. Hoshana Rabah is like a person about to drop the letter into the mail box, and he could open the letter and change it until it is in the box, so too G-d can still make a change on Hoshana Rabah, if we pray hard enough. This day is so holy, that many of the prayers are the same as on Yom Kippur. The rabbi and temple are adorned in white. As signs of atonement, a final atonement for our sins, we take five willow branches, not those from the lulav, and hit them on the floor until the leaves fall off; we hope that our sins will similarly "fall off." We also eat kreplach, a food like ravioli — a dough dumpling filled with meat. This represents the grain and animal sacrifices formerly made on this day. This is also the last day we eat in the Sukkah. At night, on Shemini Atzeret, we make Kiddush in the Sukkah, but we don't recite the special blessing on sitting in the Sukkah.

MILAH IVRIT: HEBREW WORD FOR . . .

EAT — The root word is l'echol, "to eat." The act of eating is called a-chila. A prepared food or dish is called a ma-achol. A utensil used for cutting food, such as a knife, is a ma-a-chelet.

Answers: 1) Adar-B 2) Potok-E 3) Barak-A 4) Chagall-D 5) Maranno-C

Harry Herbert, Center Executive

NEW YORK — A special joining the JWB as a USO-JWB memorial service was held at worker. He was awarded the Medal of Freedom by President Truman for his outstanding service in the China-Burma-India Theatre where he organized in a top capacity until his religious, hospitality and retirement in 1966, and had held welfare services programs. As the posts as executive director a student at Syracuse in community centers in Hartford, Conn.; Lawrence, Mass.; football team and later coached and Norwalk, Conn., before football at Trinity College and lacrosse at Harvard.

Germans To View On The Synagogue Scene

Anti-Nazi Films

HAMBURG — As part of the burgeoning interest in the Nazi period, and a consequent change in the attitude towards recent Germany history, a number of anti-Nazi films, some going back more than 30 years, will be released here for the first time ever.

A deal between Warner Bros. and the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Kino will make possible viewing of such vintage films as Michael Curtiz', "Mission to Moscow" and Lewis Milestone's "Edge of Darkness," both of which were filmed in 1943 during the height of World War II.

Others include Raoul Walsh's "Desperate Journey," "Uncertain Glory," and "Northern Pursuit," Anatole Litvak's "Confessions of a Nazi Spy," Herman Shumlin's "Watch on the Rhine," Peter Godfrey's "Hotel Berlin," Curtiz' "Passage to Marseille" and Samuel Fuller's "Verboten."

Though German filmmakers themselves produced anti-Nazi movies after World War II, none of the Hollywood wartime products have hitherto been released in the Federal Republic apart from a distorted, dubbed-in version of "Casablanca."

School Prayers Bill's Objective

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pointing out that the amendment road is a long process, five Senators have introduced a bill that would permit prayers in the public schools. They propose that Congress take the issue away from the Supreme Court which ruled in 1963 that prayer in public schools violated the First Amendment by establishing a religion.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), author of the bill said that taking jurisdiction away from the courts would allow the states to decide for themselves the question of prayer in schools.

The other four senators backing Sen. Helms' bill are Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), James Eastland (D-Miss.), Carl Curtis (R-Neb.) and Wallace Bennett (R-Utah).

Rabbis Should Be Aided In Administrative Area

By MYRON SCHOEN

In August this column reported the resumption at New



Schoen

York Community College of courses on the management of non-profit institutions in cooperation with the local chapters of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators, the National Association of Temple Administrators and the National Association of Church Business Administrators. One offering was on "fundamentals" and was aimed at those with scant knowledge of the field. The other course was titled "New Trends" and provided a broader understanding of administrative procedures and responsibilities.

While not aimed directly at synagogue or church personnel, the response to that column reveals that there is a glaring gap in the training of rabbis and clergymen. Particularly those holding pulpits in smaller congregations.

EVERY STUDY undertaken of the clergy clearly points out that as much as 50 per cent of their time is spent in administrative chores and that they feel inadequate to the burden that falls upon them. The churches are far ahead of the synagogues in providing some relief. Many Christian seminaries have a required course in church management and there is a Center for Church Management at American University in Washington, D.C.

The major Jewish seminaries do have a course or a series of lectures on "practical rabbinics," but it is generally limited to the senior year and tends to deal more with how to get a pulpit and hold on to it. There are schools of Jewish communal studies at the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles and at Brandeis University but the practical aspects of administering a synagogue or a Jewish communal agency is not to be found among the courses they offer.

SO THE RABBI is on his own and has to rely on the

bits and pieces he picks up during those hectic, short-lived experiences he has while holding a student pulpit. When he becomes the rabbi of a congregation he tends to feel terribly inadequate as he faces the intricacies of budgets, office management, and the committee and board structure in the typical synagogue.

How can the rabbi be better prepared to meet the administrative responsibilities of his congregational post? First, every rabbinical seminary should have a full-fledged course in synagogue administration. It should be a required course for which the student should receive credit. The curriculum should be developed by rabbis of large and small congregations as well as professional synagogue administrators. It should be taught by these same experienced congregational rabbis and professionals.

BUT WHAT of the hundreds of rabbis who are already in congregational pulpits? How can we help them grapple with the administrative tasks that burden their lives and absorb so much of their time? Rabbi Emanuel Eisenberg, Temple Beth Shalom, Lake Worth, Fla., may have the answer. Reading the column about the courses at New York Community College, he wrote to Dr. James Goldman, who initiated the series as director of the college's continuing education division. The rabbi suggests "a program of correspondence courses for people like me who are interested in this course but are not able to attend this one." Rabbi Eisenberg believes that synagogue leaders outside of New York City would take advantage of such an opportunity.

As Dr. Goldman pointed out in his response, the development of a correspondence course would be an involved and expensive undertaking and that New York Community College is not in a position to initiate it at this time. But what about our Jewish seminaries and national synagogal institutions? They can and should give thought to the rabbi's suggestion. The first step would be the development of a course for rabbinical students from which the faculty could devise a correspondence course.

With the financial problems facing our synagogues today there is little likelihood that rabbis will be able to engage more administrative help. Are they not then to be served in the ways suggested here?

Myron Schoen can be reached at 838 Fifth Ave., New York City, 10021.

NEW KIND SINGLES GROUP

SANTA MONICA — Something new in the way of Jewish singles is being inaugurated here when a Brandeis Camp Institute Alumni Singles Group is launched Sunday at a meeting at Temple Beth Shalom here. The group will be composed of those who participated in the leadership training center for Jewish college-age students.

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Power Of The Israel Rabbinate

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER



Silver

True, the Ashkenazic chief rabbi, Shlomo Goren, and the Sephardic chief rabbi, Ovadia Joseph, are often at odds, but each is very powerful and both insist on imposing their views on the Government.

In the present Rabin coalition, the religionists are not included because they have stipulated that a Jew must be regarded as a Jew only if they say he is a Jew. With a big budget, the chief rabbis have the wherewithal to show their strength.

At the present time, if a mixed couple enters Israel, the non-Jewish one is labeled resident and the Jewish one is called citizen. The resident may vote in municipal elections but not national ones.

If the mother is Jewish, the children will automatically be regarded as Jewish. But if the mother is non-Jewish, her children never attain citizenship status. The rabbinate wants even more power, and where it will end no one knows, writes M. I'zanin in the Forward.

Which League?

To catch the quip in a column by Forward humorist Joseph Goldstein you must understand

that in Yiddish the word, league, is pronounced li-geh. Talking about the fact that Rumania is the only Communist country with good relations with Israel, Goldstein allows that that country still prefers mamalige to the Arab li-geh.

Even In Yiddish

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Inspiring Rabbi

In Cincinnati, boasts a writer to the editor of the Day-Journal, there's a rabbi named Fishel Goldfeder who is such an inspiration that he was responsible for the sale of a half a million dollars in Israel Bonds.

Louis Gordon regales his fellow-readers with a gala observance of the 25th anniversary of the rabbi's tenure at Congregation Adath Israel, the largest in the city. Guest speakers included Rabbi Seymour Cohen, of Chicago, and Max Artz of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Thousands attended the festivities which spanned a weekend and gifts were given to the rabbi and his wife. It was a great time for the Conservative movement but also for the Mir Yeshiva, for the rabbi attended both these schools.

TORAH THOUGHT

By Z. A. Hilsenrad

For 120 years Noah is busily engaged in building an ark. To all questions he answers that a time will come when a flood will deluge and destroy all idolators who corrupted their ways, who rob their fellows and live immoral lives. To this people shrug, point an index finger to their temples and make a circular motion... and continue robbing one another and doing all that G-d finds abominable.

We can easily imagine the reaction of people who have witnessed Noah knocking boards together and repeating his dire warning 60, 80, 100 years. They scoff at one they consider senile, and continue the life-style G-d cannot abide.

And in due time, after 120 years, the flood came and destroyed every creature on land. Only Noah and his family are spared.

WHAT LESSON may we learn from Noah? That a Jew must never be deterred from his unique way of life even if all about him people lead lives completely antithetical to his. Even if they all mock, scoff and embarrass him, he must "do his thing" as our blueprint — the Torah — describes.

Where does one find the resolution to stand fast when fierce gales blow from all directions? The answer is again Noah. If he could bear the mocking of the entire generation for 120 years, we too can. The Torah delineates Noah as "Tamin," a many-faceted Hebrew word which here denotes simple unquestioning, wholehearted faith.

THIS IS the faith which enabled Noah to go his lonesome way for 120 years. And it is this same simple faith which can enable us to maintain our pure, monotheistic faith in a world increasingly corrupt and immoral.

If you would be interested in a Torah Home Study Program, and other similar materials, please write to me.

(Z.A. Hilsenrad may be reached at 529 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.)

Jewish Lawyers Serve Jewish Poor

LOS ANGELES — The Jewish man of little means now can go to Jewish lawyers if he doesn't have the money to pay for legal services and have his problems taken care of.

Tom Tugend, correspondent for The Jewish Chronicle of London, describes Bet Tzedek, House of Justice, formed by a volunteer corps of Jewish lawyers and law students. The three principal organizers are Rabbi Richard Levy, Hillel director at the University of California at Los Angeles, Prof. Michael Rapaport, assistant dean of the UCLA law school and Stan Levy, an attorney.

Bet Tzedek, in addition to providing legal service to the poor and elderly, plans to establish an arbitration and conciliation board for Jewish litigants and to act as a community advocate on issues that concern the total Jewish community.

THE LOX BOX

The Best Pickled Herring

By MARTIN MOSKOVITZ

My wife called and asked me to pick up two shmaltz herrings on my way home from work so she could pickle them. "Two shmaltz herrings please," I said to Lennie at the deli.



Moskovitz

"What are you going to do with the herrings?" Lennie asked.

"Pickles them."

"So why don't you let me sell you two herrings which are already pickled. Here, look how beautiful."

"It's not like homemade," I said. "My wife's pickled herring is so delicious, I have heartburn for a week."

Lennie put his hands on his hips. "Do you mean to stand there and tell me that your wife can make better pickled herring than a professional herring pickler?"

He shamed me into buying two professionally pickled herrings. And when I came home and tried to explain to my wife, she shook her head and said, "It's not the same as homemade."

"Do you mean to stand there and tell me that you can make pickled herring better than a professional herring pickler?" I asked, with my hands on my hips.

Hurt feelings notwithstanding, we wound up eating the professionally pickled herring and it wasn't as good as homemade. I didn't get any heartburn afterwards.

Nazi Organization Infiltrated

Movie Of 'Odessa File' Wins Praise Of Critics

HOLLYWOOD — A film with as well as suspenseful direction is full of distinctions, including the most mature and assured performance to date of Jon Voight.

Viewed by critics here the unanimous opinion was highly praiseworthy.

THE PLOT follows the vagaries of a reporter who tracks down former Nazi SS officers still operating in Germany and protected by Odessa, a secret network of SS veterans who have maintained high positions in postwar German commerce and government.

Playing the principal roles are Jon Voight, Maximilian Schell, and Maria Schell. The role of Simon Weisenthal, of Vienna, the head of the Jewish agency searching for former Nazis, is played by Shmuel Rodensky.

VARIETY'S REVIEWER said the movie is "an excellent filmization of Frederick Forsyth's novel by the same name... Ronald Neame's sensitive

Zionists Schedule Dr. J. Soloveitchik

BOSTON — What well could be the first appearance of renowned Talmudic scholar Dr. Joseph B. Soloveitchik before a general audience will take place when the Yeshiva University professor addresses the closing luncheon of the American Zionist Federation convention here on Monday, Oct. 28.

Dr. Soloveitchik, who is looked upon as the halachic leader of Orthodox Jewry, especially of the American-trained rabbis, speaks off the record and in Yiddish at the annual conventions of the Rabbinical Council of America, and has weekly lectures here, but rarely if ever are these published and more rarely does he speak to general audiences.



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When you say it fast, 35 years is not such a long time. Suddenly, you realize that it is more than a third of a century and that is a very long time, indeed. It is 35 years since Max Janowski first came to Chicago to take the post of Musical Director of K.A.M. (now K.A.M. Isaiah-Israel) Temple. Obviously, since he is still there, it could not be classified as a temporary arrangement.

In the next two or three weeks, there will be thousands of words written by music editors and others about Max and his enduring contribution to the wealth of Jewish liturgical music. Most of what will be written, will be by experts. I figure then, that it would be better if I confined what I have to say to Max, the man.

HE IS UTTERLY charming and young people are quick to recognize his lack of phoniness. Thus, he has developed into a sort of Pied Piper, playing the tunes to which youngsters dance. I am too far removed from the youth scene nowadays, but I remember when our children were young, how they sought every opportunity to be near Max.

When our son was about ten years old, he had read the lives of several of the most famous composers. He once commented to Max, "Mr. Janowski, you remind me of Bach — you know, he too was a composer of religious music and he, too, played the organ in a House of Worship."

Max was well accustomed to such adulation. "You're right, Philip," he conceded, "I understand exactly what you mean and you are correct."

I couldn't help remarking to Max, "About your modesty, he says nothing." It didn't disconcert Max in the least. He gave us a broad grin and asked, "Bach? Is that John Sebastian? Aha! He was one of my better pupils!"

AT OUR TEMPLE, where, under penalty of death or at least excommunication, we may not listen to any music except those pieces written by Janowski (they are only emeralds, by the way) we are having a celebration. If you should find yourself in the Chicago area on Friday evening, Oct. 18 or 25 at 8:15 p.m., you will, I am certain, be well repaid for your effort, if you were to come to hear original performances of liturgical music created by Janowski in honor of his special anniversary. The place is K.A.M. Isaiah-Israel Temple, 1100 E. Hyde Park Blvd.

On Sunday, Oct. 27, the congregation will have a dinner in Max's honor. Following the dinner, there will be a concert in the Temple at 8:15, open to the public.

WHEN I LOOK back to 1939, to when Max first came to Chicago, I realize that I have grown a good deal older since the first time I met him. However, to tell the truth, Max has not. No doubt, it is due in part to the fact that he has truly been a prophet among his own people. Also, in no small measure, Max's wife, Gretel, has contributed to his happiness and well-being since they were married.

If you are at all familiar with Janowski's music, I feel certain that you will agree that his is a rare talent. I could write reams about this talent, about the wealth of scholarship and the fine Jewish and musical background that is Max's. Of his modesty, I shall say nothing.

Jewish Scouting Prexy Resigns

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Julius of Rochester, N.Y., national chairman of the Jewish Committee on Scouting, he charged here has resigned in protest that scout functions were being held on Jewish holidays without approval of the sale of Christmas cards by Jewish scouts.

In a letter to Melvin Neisner,

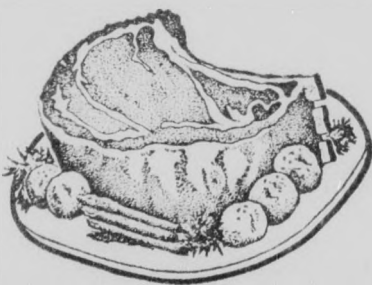


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By Dr. Rose Franzblau

Misuse Of Child's Behavior

QUESTION

Our daughter, almost 5 and an only child, was born prematurely, weighing three



Dr. Franzblau and, believing she was "insecure," let her stay.

As she got older and continued, we'd bring her back to her own room. It didn't work. My husband still loves to cuddle her. He admits, however, that it is wrong to let her continue this way. If we are firm, she cries terribly. We end up feeling sorry for her.

SHOULD WE RETURN her to her room; punish her by threats unless she stays there (no toys, visits with friends, etc.); or let her continue with the belief that this conduct will end when she is older?

My husband believes she will stop in her own time. She knows she is wrong and says she will "try" to stay in her bed. But, of course, she continues to join us late at night. We are afraid that too firm a decision or change at this late date may result in a greater trauma.

ANSWER

All children, around the age of three or so, when they become aware of the parents' secret relationship, from which they are excluded, want not only to find out what is going on but also to be included in this special activity.

It is at this time that they become wakeful at night and give all kinds of excuses, such as pains, aches, a threatening noise, etc., for wanting to be with the parents. They prefer by far to be in the parents' bedroom, but if this is refused, then they will want one parent with them in their own room. This is their way of separating the parents from each other physically.

YOU HAVE probably permitted this behavior to continue because of the anxiety you and your husband felt about your little one's premature birth. Having had such a difficult problem at the beginning of her life, you did not want to add to her problems by denying her anything she wanted.

In many cases, permitting the child to spend the night in their bed is used by couples either as a stimulant for their sex-life or as an excuse for not having one. Waiting for the child to fall asleep and then engaging in sex, makes the couple feel like youngsters doing something secretly behind their parents' backs. Also, having someone around while engaging in sex makes it more exciting and stimulating. On the other hand, having to control their desires so as not to awaken the child may introduce conscious or unconscious resentments against the child.

CUDDLING THE child in their bed is also a foreplay for their sexual activity in which the parents will engage after the child falls asleep. This

is a misuse of the child which hurts the little one's psychological growth and development.

The inconsistency in her parents' treatment of her as well as their over-permissiveness at times, make it more difficult for your little daughter to change her behavior. She cannot understand why you, the parents who are supposed to love her so much, didn't stop her before this.

No matter what promises she may make that she will try to change, it is very hard to go from one extreme to another, all at once. Intellectually, when she makes the promise she wants to keep it, but, emotionally, she finds it too hard to bring this about by herself.

PERHAPS, AT this point, sessions with a child psychiatrist would help your daughter to remove some of the road-

blocks standing in the way of the path she really wants to take. A professional would also advise you as to how to handle yourselves in relation to your child, in this situation.

Time alone does not solve a problem of this kind. Actually, the problem grows deeper, psychologically, and may then be expressed in other areas of the youngster's life.

Even at her age, your daughter will see therapy as a great help, and will begin to look forward to entering kindergarten and then going to school full-time. She will then not see leaving home to attend school as another form of being put out of her parents' bed.

(Dr. Franzblau will be happy to entertain any questions from P-O readers. They should be addressed to her care of The Post and Opinion, 101 5th Ave., New York City 10003.)

Just Between Us

That Morning Car Pool

By HELEN MINTZ

I never met a kid I didn't like.



Helen

by the time the day is over I'm suffering from the equivalent of jet lag. The symptoms are the same as far as I'm concerned.

It starts early in the a.m. when my poor, sleep-stunned brain complains about being the school bus that was missed by seconds. I wouldn't win any best-dressed awards at that hour, but if the anything handy that you can throw on look catches on, you know who started it!

IF I WERE ever fully awake at that hour, I'd wonder where have all the other mothers gone? Why was I voted most likely to get up by a group of teeny boppers. By now they should know the commandment, honor thy mother when she is sleeping. At that hour my body walks zombie-like into the car where I'm greeted like the Messiah. In my discombobulated state it occurs to me, if he's ever going to come, now's the time.

Who really needs to greet the day with eight cackling hens all finishing their breakfast in

my car. Who needs to hear eight different versions of "what's new" since they spoke to each other on the phone last night. Who needs to drive at that hour with the car windows down 'cause they get nauseous after just eating. Who asked them to eat? Didn't they all sign up for gourmet cooking first period? They said the cooking part is fun but no one in their right mind would eat what they make. I'm sorry I asked.

ONE THING I have noticed. No one ever talks to me. This I'm convinced would destroy the impersonal driver-eight passenger relationship I seem to maintain. My identity consists of four wheels, a set of car keys and a slew of gasoline credit cards. I'm beginning to resent being called Old Available and just may do something about it.

My husband who keeps muttering under his breath, "A woman's work is never done," has come up with what might prove an ideal solution. He's teaching me how to let the air out of my tires before I go to bed. Of course a few bugs have to be worked out of that suggestion.

IF IT DIDN'T fall on deaf ears my suggestion to him is, he be Peter Pan and take himself and the carpool off in a cloud of blue exhaust. It's time he introduced himself to the future generation. The only comforting thought I have is, someday they'll be car pools . . . oops, I mean mothers and fathers!

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WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE

Some Tasty Pies And Baking Precautions

By SARAH LIEBER

Pie is a versatile product. It may be made as a main dish featuring leftovers or other economy fillings. It can be a spectacular dessert, or a popular snack for guests. It is much more easily prepared than many cooks realize.



Sarah

Just a few hints should be borne in mind. Ingredients for crust must be measured accurately. The oven should be preheated. The dough must be handled lightly and as little as possible. Oven temperature should be high (400 to 425 degrees) for the first 15 minutes, then reduced to 350 degrees for the remaining baking period. Try these.

CHEESE-TUNA PUFF PIE

1 9-inch unbaked pie shell
2 tbsps. butter or margarine
3 tbsps. flour
1 small can (10 ounces) evaporated milk
1½ cups grated cheddar type cheese
2 cans (7 oz. each) tuna, drained
½ cup chopped celery
2 tbsps. chopped green pepper or pimiento
salt and pepper to taste
3 egg whites

Melt butter in skillet; stir in flour to make a smooth paste. Gradually stir in milk; cook over low heat stirring constantly until thick white sauce is formed. Add 1½ cups cheese, reserving ¼ cup for later use. Cook until cheese is dissolved. Remove 2 tablespoons of cheese sauce for later use. Add tuna, celery, green pepper and seasonings; blend. Heat oven to 475 degrees. Pour filling into pie shell and bake 15 to 20

minutes. Meanwhile, beat egg whites until fluffy. Add reserved cheese sauce and blend lightly. Lower oven heat to 375 degrees. Top partially baked pie with egg white mixture. Bake 20 minutes. Sprinkle top with reserved grated cheese and serve hot. Serves 6 to 8.

MEAT AND VEGETABLE PIE

2 tbsps. shortening or parve margarine
3 tbsps. flour
1½ cups broth or bouillon
2 cups diced leftover cooked beef, lamb, veal or chicken
1 cup diced carrots
½ cup onion slices
½ cup diced celery
½ cup diced potatoes
salt and pepper
½ tsp. marjoram leaves
1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

Melt shortening in large saucepan. Stir in flour and cook over low heat until blended. Stir in broth and cook, stirring constantly until gravy is formed. Add vegetables and cook 5 to

10 minutes until tender-crisp. Add meat and turn into 1½ quart casserole. Top with rolled out pie crust. Turn edges under rim of casserole. Cut gash in center of crust to allow steam to escape. Bake 10 minutes at 450 degrees. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 30 minutes, until crust is browned. Serve hot. Serves 6.

PURPLE PLUM PIE

1½ to 2 lbs. purple plums, halved
1 9-inch pie shell
½ cup cream or milk
1 egg
pinch of salt
¼ cup sugar
2 tps. grated lemon rind
Arrange plum halves, cut side up, in pie shell. Bake 20 minutes at 400 degrees. Meanwhile beat together cream or milk, egg, salt, sugar and grated rind. Pour over plums in pie. Lower heat to 350 degrees. Bake pie 20 minutes until set and knife inserted in

center comes out clean. Cool slightly before serving. Serves 6.

APRICOT-PINEAPPLE AND RAISIN PIE

1 cup dried apricots, cooked
1 cup white raisins, tenderized over boiling water
1 can (8½ oz.) crushed pineapple
2 tps. grated orange rind
1 tbsps. orange juice
½ cup sugar
2 tbsps. quick cooking tapioca
2 tbsps. butter or parve margarine
1 9-inch unbaked pie shell
Mix together all fruits and juices from cooked apricots, canned pineapple and orange juice. Stir in tapioca, sugar and salt and let stand while rolling out pie crust. Turn filling into pie pan lined with crust. Dot with butter or margarine. Bake 15 minutes at 450 degrees. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake 20 to 25 minutes longer. Serve hot or cooled. Serves 6.

Torah And Flora

Late Fruits

Portion of the Week: Noah, Gen. 6.9-11.32. The verse discussed is 8.11.

By L.I. RABINOWITZ

Sukkot, the Harvest Festival came to an end just a fortnight ago, and in ancient times before the citrus crop came to fill in the gap and became the outstanding agricultural product of Israel, it meant the end of the abundant harvest of Israel of the season. One had to wait until the 15th of Shevat for the first sign of the renewal of the bounty of the good earth.

Yet there are in the Talmud at least two references to the fact that some fruit, though not of the choicest, could still be harvested after the Harvest Festival. The first is the statement that although the essential period for bringing the Thanksgiving Offering of the First fruits was from Shavuot to Sukkot, one was still permitted to bring them as late as Chanukah, though for this period one did not make the beautiful declaration on the bounty of the land found in Deut. 26.

THE OTHER is found in the rabbinical commentary to a verse in this same chapter. Verse 12 begins "When thou makest an end of tithing the tithe of thy produce." On this Rashi points out, "The period for

the fulfillment of this command was laid down as being the following Passover... since there are a number of trees whose harvest can be gathered after Sukkot, and since this injunction had to be fulfilled on a festival, it had to take place on the first festival after Sukkot, i.e. Passover."

But the evidence of one's eyes is more impressive than the written word. I went out on my weekly tiyyul in the hills of Judea, and my observation was confined to the abandoned untended trees cultivated by the Arabs but abandoned as being until profitable for Jewish economy. Apart from a still significant supply of pomegranates (Many of which were split open, these being to my mind the "pe-lach ha-rimmon" of Canticles 6.6) there was an abundant supply of juicy ripe figs, both white and black, while the olive trees, which have been particularly fertile this year, were loaded with their fruit.

IT IS this late fruit which is referred to in the Bible as the kayyitz, which means both "the (late) summer fruit" and "the last of the fruits." It is interesting that it is just these two trees which are first mentioned in the Bible, and that just after Sukkot in the weekly reading of the Torah, the fig in Gen. 3.6 and the olive in this week's portion 8.11.

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Flashbacks In Jewish History

Pope Sixtus And Shylock

By RABBI A.P. BLOCH

October 22, 1586 — Pope Sixtus V issued a bull which removed most of the anti-Jewish restrictions imposed by preceding popes.

The bull permitted Jews to return to the Papal States from which they had been expelled. It also lifted the ban against Jewish employment of Christians and the treatment of Christian patients by Jewish physicians. The knights of Malta were ordered to desist from capturing Jewish seafarers for sale into slavery. The most cherished concession of the bull was the right to possess copies of censored books of the Talmud.

POPE SIXTUS' liberality was dispensed for a steep price. Yet, he was undeniably a man of great compassion. A remarkable juridical decision was attributed to him in his biography written by Leti nearly a century after the pope's death. The case involved a wager in which a Jew had pledged a pound of his flesh to an Italian. The Jew lost the bet and the Italian demanded the pound of flesh. The pope was shocked by this barbaric claim. He told the Italian that he was entitled to his prize but "if you cut but a grain more or less than your due, you shall certainly be hanged." In the end he condemned both parties for endangering a human body which is the property of the state.

Shakespeare was a contemporary of Pope Sixtus V. Whether the story related by Leti is true and whether Shakespeare had heard of it is open to question. However, historians have pointed out that a story of a wager involving a pound of flesh, under the title of Delopathos, had appeared in

Lorraine close to the year 1200. Its plot bears a striking resemblance to that of the Merchant of Venice. The villain in that story was not a Jew.

A LATER VERSION of the same story appeared in England in 1290, with a Jew as the villain. That was the year when the Jews were expelled from England. Shakespeare adopted that version because of the familiar stereotype of the Jew as a usurer and money lender.

Needless to say that the quest for a pound of flesh is totally alien to Jewish tradition and culture.

The National Broadcasting Company recently presented the Merchant of Venice to a national audience after disregarding Jewish protests. In light of the probability that the real Shylock, if one ever existed, was a Christian, the indifference of the company to valid Jewish concerns was doubly tragic.



Bloch

What Do Critics In Boston Know?

BOSTON — Upset by roasting by critics, Ben Sack, head of Sack Theatre Chain, took large advertisements in the local press to contest their reviews of "The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob," the French film which broke all records in that country for revenue.

The advertisements were strongly worded, and the headline read: "What The Hell Do Boston Critics Know?"

Meanwhile the movie, which is a hilarious comedy on the antics of the rabbi, is not doing poorly at all, according to Variety. It ranked ninth in earnings for all movies America to \$77,101. So far it

has appeared in only three cities and a total of 40 theatres throughout the United States with last week's ticket sales of \$375,470.

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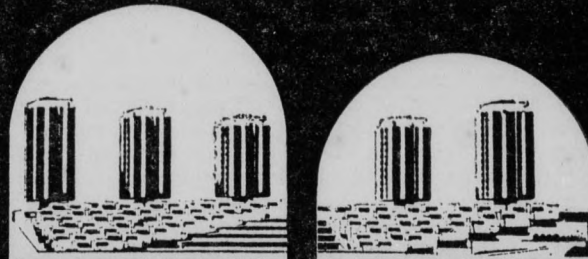
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MEMPHIS — The jubilee anniversary year of the Hebrew Watchman, Jewish Weekly, was marked here with Herman I. Goldberger, son of Leo I. Goldberger who started the publication in 1925, at the helm.

HOTEL OWNER MURDERED

ACAPULCO — Although the family had paid the \$300,000 ransom demanded, Mrs. Margarita Saad, a hotel owner here, had been murdered two weeks after she was kidnapped. Her husband had been murdered four years ago.

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AJCommittee Disassociates From Views Of Ex-Official

Editor, POST and OPINION: Your news report readlined "Anti-Semitism Perils U.S. Jewry," which announces the publication of a book by a former member of the Interreligious Affairs Department of the American Jewish Committee, namely, Gerald S. Strober, requires some clarification.

While Strober's book is based heavily on research, studies, and other background documents that he obtained while serving on our staff for about five years, his somewhat apocalyptic conclusions about the fate in store for American Jewry are altogether his personal views. In no way do they represent — either informally or formally — the convictions of the leadership of the American Jewish Committee.

Nor do his sweeping — and regrettably, intemperate — attacks on a number of major Jewish and Christian institutions and personalities reflect

the views or attitudes of the AJCommittee. No institution nor individual should be above criticism. It is one thing, however, to provide a balanced, reasoned critique of specific policies and actions which can lead to constructive reform and change; it is an altogether different matter when emotional generalizations and ad hominem attacks are let fly.

Mr. Strober chose not to share any of his writings with anyone at the American Jewish Committee prior to its publication. That, of course, is his privilege. But, by the same token, he must be held personally accountable for his own positions, from which the American Jewish Committee disassociates itself.

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Bat Mitzvah Celebration Traced To Orthodox Sources

Editor, POST and OPINION: Rabbi Chanoch Zundel Grossberg argues that a festive meal for members of the family on the occasion of a Bat Mitzvah does constitute a seudat mitzvah. (see Ha-Ma'ayan, Tevet 5733.)

While the occasion of the Bat Mitzvah is virtually ignored by most segments of Orthodox Judaism, the institution of some type of ceremony to mark this occasion can be traced to the middle of the nineteenth century.

The renowned Rabbi Jacob Ettlinger sanctioned the institution of such observances and himself delivered addresses on such occasions. (see Ha-Ma'ayan, Tevet 5732, p. 29 and p. 61, note 258. Cf., Rabbi Yechiel Ya'akov Weinberg, Ha-Pardes, Nisan 5723.)

Furthermore, there is at least one source which serves as a precedent for this view. Rabbi Isaac Nissim, former chief rabbi of Israel, quotes Chaim ve-Chesed, a responsa collection authored by Rabbi A. Musapiah, which records that a banquet on such occasions constitutes a seudat mitzvah. (see No'am VII, 5724.)

Finally, Rabbi Nissim quotes Ben Ish Chai, Re-eh no. 17: "(a girl) should nevertheless rejoice on that day." (ibid)

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Point On Centrality Of Israel Missed By Chinitz, Neusner

Editor, POST and OPINION: A word on the debate in the issue of Oct. 4, between Rabbi Chinitz and Prof. Neusner on the "Centrality of Israel."

I weigh in, with becoming humility, with the suggestion that both distinguished gentlemen miss what is really the role of the State of Israel to Jews all over. It is my gut feeling that to the Jews of today, all over the world, support for the State of Israel is a concrete reaction to the pain, the threat and the indignity of the Holocaust. There must be one place, we now promise ourselves, where Jews can go to live and to die in dignity, where they can "let it all hang out," Jewishly speaking. Whether it be in Russia, or some Arab country,

or some South American country, or, unlikely as it sounds to my ears, in our own blessed America, the Jew can now look to the State of Israel as the one place he can go to without begging for entry, without hiding his "Jewish nose" if he has had it up to here in his "old home."

I am convinced that the great outpouring of support for the State of Israel is basically triggered and sustained by this reality. A debate on the ultimate, the "eschatological" (go ahead, look it up) role of the present State of Israel is basically besides the point, especially in a "bread and butter" publication such as the POST and OPINION. This support will continue as long as the Jewish community feels

Date For Honoring Del Miller Nov. 17

Editor, POST and OPINION:

In regard to your article in the Jewish POST and OPINION of Sept. 13, headlined "Even Grand Circuit Racing," a correction of the date would be deeply appreciated. Mr. Del Miller, president of the Grand Circuit as well as of Meadows-Land Racetrack, here at Washington, Pa., will be honored Sunday, Nov. 17, (not Saturday Nov. 16 as reported) to receive the Prime Minister's Medal at the Testimonial Dinner of the Israel Bond Organization of Washington, Pa.

Thank you!
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Rabbi Blumenthal Column Title Should Be Changed To 'Views'

Editor, POST and OPINION:

We in Houston have been pleased to have Rabbi and Mrs. Blumenthal in our midst. However, I feel it necessary to point out to readers some implications of his column.

First is the misleading title — "Interpreting Halachah." I would suggest re-titling it something like "Rabbi Blumenthal's Views on the Conservative Interpretation of Woman's Role in Judaism." He does not profess to represent anything more than that.

Another problem is his halachic reasoning. In the August 23 issue he criticizes the "specificity" of "the halachah which requires the washing of hands." Blumenthal argues that such uniformity is unnecessary as proved by the variations in "Nusach" one finds in Tefillot.

What he conveniently overlooks is that the two are not parallel. Tefillah is "avodah shebelev" (worship of the heart) which is, by definition, not uniform; expressing the Jewish "heart" in a developmental and variegated form. The requirements of halachah, however, are not expressions of the "heart" but rather the commands of the Torah as transmitted through our Sages. Perhaps the tragedy of liberal Judaism is that it has reversed

this. Prayer has become formal and ceremonialized while halachah has been relegated to a province of the heart.

I agree uniformity may stem from indifference. The uniform non-practice of such commandments as Shabbat, kashrut, and family purity, by vast numbers of American Jews, may in large measure be due to their rabbis' indifference — indifferent to educating their congregants to these practices about which we can all agree. Or has the law committee issued decrees in these areas also? Is kashrut now not applicable outside the home? Is it now permissible to drive on Shabbat? Is family purity now out-dated? If not, then why the uniformity of non-observance? Doesn't that reflect a lack of "serious concern?"

Alas! Rabbi Blumenthal may be another victim of Watergate. Cast in the role of "interpreting halachah," he is continually subverting Jewish law. His criterion of judgement is not the "constitution" of Judaism, i.e., the Torah, but rather whether he thinks a law "is good for the Jews." Yes, law means specificity (as the Judiciary Committee reaffirmed) and Judaism (like America) is based on a system "of laws and not of men."

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(Editor's note: See Rabbi Blumenthal's answer in this issue.)

Italy Most Tolerant Of Jews, Says Reader To Mrs. Hauptman

Editor, POST and OPINION:

I have read with great interest of October 4th, a tourist's version of Italian-Jewish history. The books to which Mrs. Hauptman referred are not authentic historical treatises, nor would the opinion of one Italian-Jewish couple reflect the entire situation accurately.

The Italians were most benevolent to their Jewish compatriots even during the period of the most stringent enforcement of the "racial laws" of World War II.

I have devoted several years of formal study of Italian-Jewish history at Harvard, as well as living in Italy part of each year for research projects in this particular subject. Of all the European countries, ironically Italy, the seat of Catholicism, has been the most tolerant towards its Jews. There are many reasons for such a phenomenon, not all of which are benevolent.

Politically, one must realize that Italy was never a unified nation until the Risorgimento in the middle 1800's. If any anti-

Semitic outbreak occurred in the realm of one Duke, the Jews of that area would simply find a more receptive neighboring Duke who recognized their worth in commerce, and welcomed them. Regarding the greater power in historical Italy, the Church, its prime rule was to protect the Jews. Here we have the strangest patron of all, but the purpose for such a defender of our people has a rather perverse rationale. When Christianity became the formal religion of pagan Rome, the Church Fathers initiated this policy.

What better proof of punishment for non-believers in Christ could there be than the Jew in Diaspora? Thus, to have the living examples to which they could refer, helped strengthen their own mission.

Jews have been in Italy for 2,000 years now, or since the conquest of Judea. Until the advent of Mussolini's alliance with Hitler, the Jews were not massacred or molested, except in isolated cases.

Again, having studied this specialized history, and actually lived with the Jewish communities there as well as in Christian homes, I feel that I can be a little more factual in an appraisal of Italy. This does not mean that I am more knowledgeable than the nice grandmother who went to Europe with her grandchild. One must take the overall picture, and hope that in these times of flux politically and economically, nothing more will happen in Italy that might engender another dictatorship — left or right.

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Breakfast Group Starts Its Fifth Year

Editor, POST and OPINION:

A most disturbing problem for contemporary American Jewry is the imputed insufficiency of study and learning about the greatness of our Heritage.

Many articles have appeared in P-O and other publications plus ads by interested groups about this seeming lack.

In Mount Vernon, N.Y., directly after Yom Kippur we began the fifth year of our Hug Tanach (Bible Study) group. We number about 22 community leaders, business and professional men of all shades of synagogue affiliation and even a few non-affiliated. We meet every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. at the Mount Vernon YM&YWA.

There were no drop outs at this first session of our fifth year. All participants seem to find each session — stimulating, exciting and educational. Our discussion leaders includes all of the five local Rabbis — Rabbi Perman, Brilliant, Froelich, Chait and Ofra.

Rabbi Aaron H. Blumenthal, whose interesting articles appear in P-O sparked this Hug Tanach group while he served as spiritual leader at Congregation EmanuEl.

We believe that this kind of program adds strength to the Jewish community. I know from items which have appeared in P-O that your publication encourages the formation of this kind of study group in each Jewish Community.

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Prize-Winning Recipes For Chicken

By SARAH LIEBER

No one needs to convince Jewish homemakers that chicken is delicious, nutritious and economical.



Sarah

But it's always nice to learn different ways of preparing our old favorite. The National Chicken Cooking Contest has awarded prizes to contestants whose recipes were judged best. The contest is sponsored annually by the National Broiler Council and the makers of Ac-cent and Mazola Corn Oil.

Below are some of the winners' and finalists' dishes suitable for the kosher table.

HOT CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD

(New Mexico winner, Mrs. Fayne Lutz)

8 broiler-fryer chicken thighs, skinned, boned and cut into 1 inch chunks
 1/4 cup cornstarch
 1/4 cup Mazola corn oil
 1/8 tsp. garlic powder

1 large ripe tomato, cut into chunks
 1 can (4 ounces) water chestnuts, drained, sliced
 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms (Sarah suggests fresh)
 1 bunch green onions, coarsely chopped
 1 cup slant sliced celery
 1 tsp. Ac-cent flavor enhancer
 1/4 cup soy sauce
 2 cups finely shredded iceberg lettuce

Roll chicken in cornstarch. Heat oil in fry pan or wok over high heat. Add chicken chunks and quickly brown. Sprinkle with garlic powder. Add tomato, water chestnuts, mushrooms, onion and celery. Stir. Sprinkle with flavor enhancer. Add soy sauce. Stir. Cover, reduce heat to simmer and cook 5 minutes. Lightly toss chicken-vegetable mix with lettuce. Serve hot with rice. Makes 4 servings.

PERSIAN CHICKEN KEBOBS

(New Jersey winner, Dr. Harold Tara, M.D.)

4 whole broiler-fryer chicken breasts, boned, skinned, cut into pieces
 1 tsp. flavor enhancer

2 tps. salt, divided
 1/4 cup corn oil
 1/4 cup tarragon wine vinegar
 1/2 tsp. dry mint leaves
 1/4 tsp. dry rosemary
 1 clove garlic, crushed
 1/4 tsp. hot pepper sauce
 4 medium tomatoes, quartered
 16 small white onions, peeled, cut into pieces
 2 green peppers, seeded, cut into pieces
 16 small to medium fresh mushroom caps

Sprinkle chicken pieces with flavor enhancer and 1 teaspoon of the salt. Stir together oil, vinegar, mint, rosemary, garlic and pepper sauce. Pour over chicken in flat dish or bowl. Cover; marinate in refrigerator at least 2 hours or overnight, if possible, turning once or twice. Drain marinade from chicken, reserving marinade to use as brushing sauce. Thread chicken on skewer (kebobs) alternating with vegetables. Brush with marinade; sprinkle with remaining salt. Cook on outdoor grill about 6 inches from heat, 30 minutes or until chicken is done. Turn and baste while cooking. Serve with rice. Makes 6 servings.

NEATO POMATO CHICKEN
(New Hampshire winner, Mr. Orrin Willson)

1 whole broiler-fryer chicken
 1 small orange (washed and dried)
 1 cup water
 1/4 cup corn oil
 1/4 cup molasses
 1/4 cup grated onion
 1/4 cup grated celery
 1/4 cup grated raw potato
 1/4 cup grated raw carrot
 1/4 cup tomato paste
 1 tsp. flavor enhancer
 Line roasting pan with foil. Stuff chicken cavity with orange and tie legs together. Place chicken in pan. Mix together water, corn oil and molasses. Stir in onion, celery, potato, carrot and tomato paste. Mix in flavor enhancer. Pour over chicken. Cover; bake in 325 degree oven 1 1/4 hours or until nicely browned and done, basting several times while roasting to make glaze. Skim excess fat from gravy. Makes 5 servings.

DRUNKEN MEXICAN CHICKEN

(Texas winner, Mrs. Virginia Israelit)

1 broiler-fryer chicken, cut in

serving pieces
 1 tsp. flavor enhancer
 1/4 cup corn oil
 1 1/4 tps. salt
 1 tsp. paprika
 3/4 tsp. ground black pepper
 1/2 tsp. crushed oregano
 1/2 tsp. cumin seed
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
 1 cube chicken bouillon, crushed
 1 can (16 ounces) tomatoes, chopped
 1 large onion, sliced
 5 medium zucchini, sliced
 1 cup red wine

Sprinkle chicken with flavor enhancer. Heat oil in Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken and brown well on all sides. Sprinkle in salt, paprika, pepper, oregano, garlic powder, cumin and bouillon. Reduce heat to medium-low; add tomatoes, onion, zucchini and wine. Cook covered 30 minutes; uncover and continue cooking another 15 minutes or until liquid is somewhat reduced and chicken is done. Excellent served with brown rice, pinto beans and avocado-fruit salad. Makes 4 servings.

Torah And Flora

The Sabra

Portion of the Week. Bereishit, Gen. 1.1-6.8. The verse discussed is 3.7.

By L.I. RABINOWITZ

There is an element of paradox in the fact that the plant which has come to symbolize, and give the name to, "davka" the native born Israeli, the sabra, or tsabar (the prickly pear), is in itself an Oleh and not indigenous to Israel! According to all botanists it was introduced from Mexico to Europe, and subsequently to the Middle East as late as the 18th Century.



AS FAR BACK as 1967 I referred to the halachic compendium called Ikkarei Ha-Dat, published by Rabbi Daniel ben Moses Terni of Ancona, Italy in 1803, which dealt with the blessings which have to be recited on different fruits which were hitherto unknown but which had recently been introduced into his country. Among them is the sabra, but he has a remarkable Hebrew name for it which connects it with the first portion of Genesis which we read tomorrow — Ha-Te'ena shel Adam Ha-Rishon, i.e., the Fig of Primal Adam, since tradition had it that it was with the broad leaves of this plant and not with those of the ordinary fig that Adam and Eve covered their nakedness after they had eaten of the Fruit of the Forbidden Tree.

And now a further reference to this tradition has just seen the light. The Yad Ben Zvi has just published the Diary and Letters of Eliezer Loewe, later the right hand man of Sir Moses Montefiore who visited the Land of Israel in 1838 and in which the following passage appears (p. 75. This is a re-translation from the Hebrew into English and may not be identical with the original):

"I SAW a certain fruit which the Arabs call Isahar (patience), since both its peel and its leaves are full of sharp thorns which pierce the flesh at the slightest touch so that it needs considerable patience before one is successful in eating the fruit. However, the fruit is sweet to the palate, but not easily digestible. In Europe they call it the Fig of Adam, since according to them it was with the leaves of this fruit that Adam and Eve covered themselves. The local people grow it as a hedge to their gardens, since it is impossible to cross it without being injured. The trunk of the tree forms the hedge of its own accord, since it grows as follows: First, one leaf grows from the ground, and out of its top there grows a second leaf, and from it a third, and in the course of time these leaves harden and form a tree with a trunk."

Truly a Penitent's garb! Dr. L.I. Rabinowitz can be reached at 6 Mapu St., Jerusalem, Israel.

Flashbacks In Jewish History

Rh. Island Rejects Lopez

By RABBI A.P. BLOCH

October 15, 1762— The Superior Court of Massachusetts at its session in Taunton, Mass. granted citizenship to Aaron Lopez, the first Jew to be naturalized in that colony.



Bloch

Aaron was a resident of Newport, R.I. His original application for citizenship submitted in Rhode Island was denied on March 11, 1762. As the most successful Jewish businessman in colonial America, he was ultimately instrumental in developing the port of Newport into a serious rival of New York. However, as a foreigner he could not legally engage in maritime trade under the provisions of the British Navigation Act of 1600.

AARON ARRIVED in America from Lisbon, Portugal, in 1752, at the age of 21. For 200 years his forebears had lived dangerously as secret Jews. Marrano emigrants normally sought refuge in European Protestant countries. Aaron and his half-brother, Moses, headed for Rhode Island where they openly

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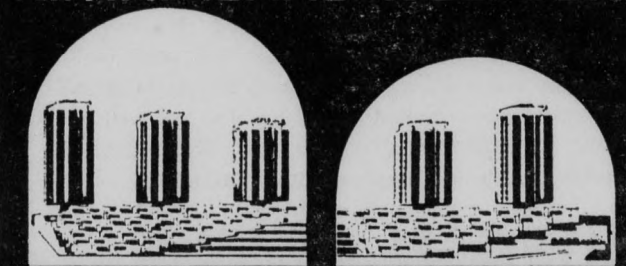
declared their Jewishness. Rhode Island was the only colony which had no established Church and welcomed non-conformists.

Upon arrival Aaron discarded his baptismal name Edward. His wife Anna assumed the name of Abigail, and their little girl Catherine was renamed Sarah. Even in the new country they could not erase the memory of the Inquisition. When Aaron began the construction of the Newport synagogue

he made sure to include in the plans a trap door and a secret escape passage.

A PETITION to secure naturalization was submitted by Aaron in 1761 to the Rhode Island General Assembly which denied his request. Little did the delegates realize that the Assembly's first session after the evacuation of the British from Newport in 1780 would be held in the very synagogue which Aaron was in the process of building at the time of his application. Apparently the Assembly which had granted citizenship to a Jew in 1760 now feared that a sudden influx of Jewish applicants might materially influence the course of local elections.

A subsequent denial of Aaron's appeal to the Superior Court of Rhode Island was based in part on the implied Christian spirit of the colony's charter of 1663. An American historian commented: "The decision... subverts an Act of Parliament (Naturalization Act of 1740) and violates the spirit of the Charter."

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Speaking On The Social Side

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The Christian Theological Seminary's Repertory Theater presented an outstanding production of "Fiddler On The Roof" last weekend. Among the Jewish members of the cast were Sara R. Krieger

Mrs. Steinberg who was delightfully hilarious as Yente, the Matchmaker, Shirley Goldstein as Shaindel, mother of Motel the Tailor, Manny G. Hilton as Yussel and Hatter and Peggy Leeds as Shrintze.

Bernard Wurger, cast in the role of Tevye, was superb and the music and singing provided a delightful evening's entertainment enjoyed so much by the audience that the entire cast received a standing ovation.

"FIDDLER" will be presented this weekend and Thursday through Sundays until Oct. 27. If you haven't had the opportunity to see the Christian Theological Seminary's "Fiddler On The Roof," do so. It's a performance you won't want to miss!

HOME FROM ITALY

Jet-setters who recently returned from a holiday in Rome with the Global Sportsmen's

Club are Dotti and Frank Newman, Adele and Oscar Alpert, Lea and Hy Cohen, Sharon and Jay Doner, Teresa and Paul Hirsch, Francine and Roger Hurwitz, Edna and Alvin Johnson, Geraldine and Richard Kurtz, Nancy Malbin, Charlotte Schuff, Evelyn and Alvin Mordoh, Joyce and Danny Sacks, Lorraine and Harry Schuchman, Jean and Frank Schwartz, Marilyn and Bernard Major, Jill and Irwin Rose.

Also Janet and Jeffrey Segar, Joan and Burton Shapiro, Helene and Fred Simon, Emily and George Urgo, Jane and Eugene Zukerman, Sandra and Robert Borns, Jackie and Charles Efoymson Jr., Ann and Leon Frisch, Harriet and Robert Glazier, Judy and Mel Goldstein, Ann and Irwin Katz, Alice and Leonard Berkowitz, Shirley and Herbert Backer, Leah and Charles Redish and Harriet and Bud Wolf.

COMINGS AND GOINGS...

Recently visiting in Indianapolis was Mrs. John Bayer of Akron, Ohio who spent two weeks here taking a peek at her brand new grandson, Jason Maidenbergl, son of Karen and Lee Maidenbergl.

Visiting with Alice and Morris Spier and their pretty granddaughter, Laura Spier from New York, were Alice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Turkowitz.

Alice and Bill Zohn recently enjoyed a visit from their daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Richard Rochman and their grandchildren, Regina and Denise from Fort Wayne.

Pauline and Louis Kaseff recently had as their houseguests,

cousins Yardena and Sholomo Ginsbury from Tel Aviv. The Kaseffs were in Israel three years ago but did not have the opportunity to meet their cousins during their stay. This was the first visit to Indianapolis for the Ginsburys and they enjoyed being entertained by their many relatives here.

Evelyn Peltz had an extra-special birthday this year with a visit from her daughter, Shirley Levan of Skokie, Ill. who came to help Evelyn celebrate her birthday at Hollyhock Hill.

MERIT SEMIFINALIST

Jay Jaffe, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Jaffe, 8531 Springview Dr., was one of 98 Indianapolis high school seniors chosen to be semifinalists in the 1975 National Merit Scholarship grants. Jay is a senior at North Central High School.

SURPRISE HOUSE WARMING

After living in her new residence only seven days, Mrs. Helen Marcus was delightfully surprised to have a housewarming party complete with buffet luncheon compliments of her daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Herbert Johnson, Jr. who planned the whole event without so much as a hint! Helen opened the door and in paraded the food and all the guests!

AMONG THOSE wishing Helen much happiness in her new residence were Rose and Harry Stein, Bess and Harry Sacks, Ethel and Harry Marcus, Sara and Phil Sentir, Anna and Al Rambatz, Molly Goldman and her daughter Marilyn, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sacks, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson Sr., and many more!

PARTY AT B'NAI TORAH

The spirit of the holiday of Succos was cleverly captured at the recent movie and sukkah party held at B'nai Torah synagogue during the holiday season.

Over 200 persons from B'nai Torah congregation attended the movie, "The Mad Adventures of 'Rabbi' Jacob" at the Greenbrier Cinema and a goodly portion of them partook in the celebration held following the cinema in the permanent sukkah at B'nai Torah.

UNDER STAR filled skies the partygoers enjoyed fresh fruit, symbolic of the holiday, in the sukkah along with assorted cakes and hot coffee. Among those enjoying the spirit of the holiday season were Dorothy and Sheldon Friedman, Sylvia

and Michael Blain, Ann and Irving Birnbaum, Rene and David Sondack, Tobi and Martin Greenblatt, Bess and Harry Sacks, Sara and Sidney Sakowitz, Tina and Joel Samsen, Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten, Dora and Sam Levinsky, Yettie and Ben Borinstein, Zina and Joe Tobak and many more!

CELEBRATION FOR SUSAN

A room filled with friends complemented by cocktails and

buffet were the highlights of a "surprise 30th birthday" celebration held recently in honor of Mrs. Warren (Susan) Steinborn. Hosts of the party were Susan's husband, Warren, and good friends of the Steinborns, Barbara and Len Wolfson.

POSTER-SIZE blow-ups of Susan as a child decorated the Marten Manor Clubhouse, setting for the affair. Out-of-town guests included Susan's fa-

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3 Local Delegates To Attend 10th National ORT Conference

Mrs. Bernard Frankovitz, to be held Oct. 21-24 in San Francisco. Mrs. Abe Schankerman, national board member; and Mrs. Mitchell Shiffman, national board alternate, will be delegates to the Women's American ORT 10th National Board Conference,

They will be among 1,000 leaders representing the 120,000 members of ORT in 900 chapters. The Conference will investigate ways to expand and develop ORT's global vocational network.

Gary R. Lappin To Wed Miss Lynn Ann Fuldauer

Mr. and Mrs. Elliot N. cinnati. Fuldauer, 7230 Avalon Trail Dr. announce the engagement of of Indiana University and is their daughter Lynn Ann currently working on her Masters Degree in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Her fiancé attended Fairhaven Lane, Amberley Ohio State University in Columbus, and is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where he was a member of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. An April 5th wedding is planned at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Maxwell Lappin, both of Cin-

Rosalie Dana Simon To Become Bride Of Paul Allen Greenberger

Mr. and Mrs. Max Simon, Indiana University Medical School and is currently a engagement of their daughter, resident at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo. Miss Simon is a graduate of Indiana University, where she was a member of Sigma Delta Tau sorority. A December 29th wedding is being planned at Bnai Torah of Purdue University and the Congregation.

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Mrs. Ethel EtsHokin, of Miami Beach, Fla., formerly of Indianapolis, announces the marriage of her daughter, Diana Sider to David J. Reuben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Reuben of this city.

The couple was married at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation on Saturday, Oct. 5th.

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Speaking On The Social Side

(Continued from Preceding Pg.) ther, Ted Barkor of Bangor, Mich.; Warren's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Steinborn of Harrisburg, Ill. and Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Mirkin of South Bend.

Susan and Warren Steinborn have lived in Indianapolis for the past six years and are the parents of two children, Rebecca, 7 and Sam, age 1½.

Among the local guests attending the party were Louise

and Bob Epstein, Sandi and Marty Lipp, Nancy Goldstein, Sue and George Adinamis and many more!

MENORAH LUNCHEON

The Golden Dragon Inn, the new Chinese restaurant in the Greenbrier Shopping Plaza was the setting elected by the B'nai B'rith Women of Menorah Chapter to hold their opening luncheon. The Menorah Chapter celebrates its 18th anniversary this year and charter members of the group were honored. Myrna Fang was presented with a long-stemmed rose and recognized for her many years of service to the chapter.

Mrs. Barry (Cindy) Pakula and Mrs. Ronald (Heather) Melrose, past presidents of Menorah, installed new members with a lovely candle-lighting ceremony. New members at the afternoon affair were Timmy Zabasky, Eileen Bergida, Marina Gross, Rena Ettinger, Adrienne Mintz, Audrey Sicker, Karen Stern, Sandy Friedman and Carol Segal.

LOCAL ARTIST Wayne Terry drew portraits of Molly Dubow, Shelly Friend, and Timmy Zabasky as the ladies chatted over lunch. President of the Menorah Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women is Mrs. Steven (Julie) Hochman. Prospective members of Menorah Chapter may call Julie at 849-5430.

SYMPHONY SEASON

Ann and Dick Glasser were the recent hosts of an after-symphony party at their lovely northside home following the second concert of the symphony season. Guests of the Glassers

included Indianapolis Symphony orchestra conductor, Dr. Izler Solomon and guest soloist, Peter Eros and his charming wife, along with approximately 60 partygoers who partook of the evening's bill of fare.

Out-of-town guests attending the gathering included Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gundersheimer of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Eros, who played "Ruggiero Ricci" by Mendelssohn, is the first of nine guest soloists to be presented to the public by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra this season.

AMONG THOSE active in symphony activities this year are Mrs. Robert (Sharon) Garelick, public relations; Mrs. Howard (Deedle) Kahn, state council chairman; Mrs. Alexander (Barbara) Kahn, north board group of the symphony; Mrs. Joseph (Florence) Greenberg, publicity chairman of the north group and Mrs. Dick (Ann) Glasser, season ticket chairman.

BIRTHDAY CORNER

Celebrating birthdays in October are J. William Julian, Rabbi Akiva Gernstein, Ed Joseph, Burton Weitzman, Eugene Fishman, Ronald Popp, Ivan Chalfie, Jack Larman, Dr. Bertram Roth, Dr. Kenneth Ossip, Herbert Simon, Dr. J.K. Berman, Jerry Tarshes, Milton Abel, Henry Glanzberg, Ida Pinsky, Joe Simkin, Rena Ettinger, Bonnie Goldstein, Rose Steinberg, Bessie Elkin, Marvin Mitchell, Hy Calderon, Danny Sacks and Heidi Heisler.

Thanks for keeping me posted on what's new at your house!

Mrs. Charles (Lillian B.) Malizia, B'nai Torah Member, Dies At 61

Services for Mrs. Charles (Lillian B.) Malizia, 61, 4316 E. 46th St., were held last Monday at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary. Burial was in B'nai Torah Cemetery.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio and an Indianapolis resident 60 years, she died Friday, Oct. 11 in Winona Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Malizia was an inspector of the South Wind Division of Stewart-Warner Corp. for 23 years, retiring in 1958. She was a member of B'nai Torah Building Fund.

Congregation and former corresponding secretary of Local 2937, United Steelworkers of America.

Survivors, besides her husband, include her daughter, Mrs. Arnold (Bobbi Kaye) Munson of Chicago, her brothers Abe and Larry Baker of Indianapolis and Herald Baker of Los Angeles, and her sister, Miss Ruth Baker of Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to the B'nai Torah Building Fund.

Abe Hochman, Bond Manager, Rites Held At Kenessis Israel

Services for Abe L. Hochman, 75, 37 E. 38th St., were held last Sunday in Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary, with burial in Kenessis Israel Cemetery.

Mr. Hochman, a native of Bridgeport, Conn. who had lived in Indianapolis 62 years, died Friday, Oct. 11 in Methodist Hospital. He was manager for 40 years of Al & Sam Farb Bail Bonds Co. at 38 N. Delaware St.

A member of United Orthodox Hebrew Congregation, Mr. Hochman was also a member of B'nai B'rith, Monument Masonic Lodge 657 and the Fraternal Order of Police.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Fannie Farb Hochman and nieces, Mrs. Kay Jenstia and Miss Rita Goldman of Indianapolis. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Orthodox Hebrew Congregation.

Klor Memorial

A monument to the memory of the late Louis Klor will be unveiled at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27 at the Ohev Zedeck Cemetery. Rabbi Sidney Steiman will officiate. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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This week a reply to Fred Kaseff.
Dear Readers:

On June 28, a letter from "A Youth of the Jewish Community" was printed with an accompanying reply. (At that time, Ivan was the sole author of this column). The accusations weren't seriously considered due to the fact that the letter wasn't well-written. Yet, a former contributor to this weekly article and one of its severest critics noted that not only had the column adequately defended itself by its uncompromising position, but it had also discouraged others from writing.

"No one will comment on an article," he admonished, (and this is the very thing we hope our readers will do), "if they fear they'll be ripped apart."

"An argument may be unfounded and it may have to be refuted," he continued, "but it should be done with tact so that the public will feel its letters will be treated fairly."

The letter from Fred Kaseff has several valid points as we will illustrate. We hope that whenever you agree or disagree with us that you will write or phone us. We always welcome your views.

Dear Fred:

You are correct in stating that you, as a spokesman for POK, did not challenge ACE in sports. This quote should have been attributed to Joel Singer. We do not understand, however, why you expressed your wish for a retraction in such strong terms.

WE REALIZE that POK is in an awkward position. It must pinpoint ACE's deficiencies, (if there are any and we will examine that issue in another

section of this column), while demonstrating the advantages of POK. Yet, it cannot be too critical if they expect ACE to merge with them.

Joel's comment may have come at an inopportune time, (if you expect someone to merge with you, you shouldn't challenge them or antagonize them), but we cannot erase the statement completely.

IN YOUR third paragraph, you have only quoted half of a sentence. For those who do not recall that sentence, it reads, "On the basis of this requirement," (this refers to the fact that if POK votes to continue to participate in Hooverwood Services, then all members will be responsible for attending the Services), "POK will probably no longer conduct services at Hooverwood." you did mention that in years past the burden fell on one or two people since the membership was apathetic in the preparation and execution of these services. Therefore, this vote's purpose should encourage more members to become involved as your letter later states.

The sentence that is quoted in the above paragraph should indicate to readers that you were speculating on the outcome of the vote. It does not, in any way, imply that you are personally against POK performing Hooverwood services.

REGARDING your sixth paragraph, we feel that we keep ourselves knowledgeable of POK's activities and its officers. Therefore, we selected you and possibly Joel Singer after further consideration to be elected President because it is you two who have done more to shape the events and ideals that have become the trademarks of POK's resurgence.

The membership would be foolish to select others who are less qualified.

We thank you for "supplying the Teen Scene with opinions and information" and will always strive to reflect our appreciation accordingly.

Sincerely yours,
Susie and Ivan

FRED, AS well as Elaine Rappaport, appeared last weekend in "Bell, Book and Candle" at North Central High School.

Others participating in the production were Dave Adler (sound crew), Ellen Gabovitch and Karen Segal (props crew), and Randy Milch, Danny Selig and Ivan and Lin Stillerman (public relations). Dan deserves special recognition for designing the program covers and posters.

AN ACE REBUTTAL

Two weeks ago in an interview, ACE rebutted some of the views expressed in this Sept. 27 column.

OUR MAIN problem, according to chairman Bill Berkowitz, is that there is an enormous lack of communication. Several, who were interviewed by the "Post," he claims, knew little about the proposed merging and blamed him.

"I am personally against the merger, but nevertheless the executive board and our membership will vote upon it. As for my attendance at meetings," he says, "I have only missed one."

Steve Schwartz confirmed Bill's statements and added that Dave Blain is supposed to conduct meetings, if Bill is absent. He doesn't understand how Dave Gabovitch, Ben Harris and Ed Horwitz had demonstrated their leadership abilities as a source two weeks ago obviously had.

ANOTHER MATTER is that only three of the officers had jobs last summer. "It was a decision of the executive board due to a lack of attendance at a golf party, not to plan any activities over the summer," he admitted. "Only two have jobs presently and our planning committee will soon be instituting new programs."

"Most important of all," he continued, "we want to be more than a social club," obviously referring to the remark Fred Kaseff made.

"We only had three parties last year," he noted. "Our main priority is helping the community and providing a good time for our members. This is accomplished through monthly minyans and breakfasts as well as cultural and participation in community events such as Hooverwood services and Stunt Day."

As for merging, he concluded, "it will have to be discussed with our membership."

On Thursday, Oct. 10, the executive board of ACE convened at Dave Gabovitch's and discussed the merits of merging and whether or not the matter should be presented to the general membership.

Another meeting was scheduled at the JEA last Sunday. It was established that a majority of the board advocated merging with POK and the subject will be investigated with the membership at a Sunday morning minyan and breakfast later this month.

A decision, we hope, will soon be forthcoming.

REGARDING "FIDDLER"

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girl's crown last Tuesday.

The "Stillerman" half of this writing team reported previously that there were no Jews in the Christian Theological seminary's production of "Fiddler on the Roof," based upon information from the CTS.

He discovered to his dismay that there are, and we regret the omission of their names. We congratulate them, as reported elsewhere in this issue, and apologize for the error. We would like to ask all our readers in the future that they report any such errors directly to us. We try to be responsible journalists and our phone numbers are always listed. Shalom!

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